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Cunanan Manhunt Ends, Questions Remain

By Lisa Neff

For a brief period, Andrew Phillip Cunanan lived with the notoriety of John Dillinger or Clyde Barrow. He was America's most wanted fugitive from justice.

But unlike Dillinger and Barrow, Cunanan did not die in a blaze of gunfire from a police dragnet. And he certainly never gained the folk-hero status that drove Dillinger and Barrow in life and immortalized them in death.

Cunanan, 27, died July 23 in a Miami Beach boathouse after putting a .40-caliber pistol in his mouth and pulling the trigger. The gun, found lying beside his body, was the weapon he allegedly used to kill designer Gianni Versace in Miami Beach on July 15, cemetery caretaker William Reese in Pennsville, N.J., on May 9 and architect David Madsen in Minneapolis in late April. Cunanan was also suspected in the beating death of Madson's lover, Jeffrey Trail, and the torture death of Chicago real estate tycoon Lee Miglin.

Whether Cunanan committed the crimes that pushed the FBI to place him on their 10 Most Wanted list, spurred a nationwide manhunt, and ended with a force of 100 armed police and federal agents surrounding his final hideout is a question that may never

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COALITION BUILDER: Mary Morten, the new director for the city's Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues, is a veteran civil rights advocate. Morten, pictured above with community leaders Gary Chichester and Thom Dombkowski, hopes to bring more minorities into ACGLI's membership.

Morten's Mission

New Chicago Liaison Pushes Aggressive Agenda

By Louis Weisberg

When Mary Morten appears at gay community events these days, she is instantly surrounded by a swarm of activists aggressively pushing their agendas. Everyone, it seems, wants the ear of the new director for the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues (ACGLI).

But Morten's challenge in her new role will not be dealing with so many people—after all, she describes herself as an extrovert—but rather looking for ways to bring them all together. Unifying Chicago's diverse, splintered lesbian and gay community will be the primary focus of her agenda, she says.

Traditionally, gay activists in Chicago have come from the North Side. During her tenure, Morten hopes to bring lesbian and gay people throughout the city into the fold and engage them together in the political process. "I plan to be everywhere," she says. "The gay community does not stop at Belmont and Broadway.

"I'm interested in encouraging dialogue," she continues. "I think that, as a community, we need to look for ways to unify, not to be divided."

The first place Morten, 37, must bring people together is

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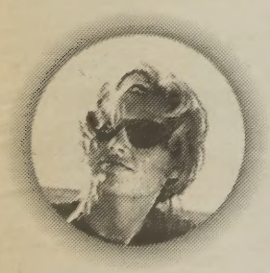

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Episcopalians Come So Close

Church Convention Narrowly Rejects Same-Sex Blessing

By Lisa Neff

For the Episcopal Church's gay and lesbian members, the General Convention that ended last week was an epic turning point in their push for equality.

The convention in Philadelphia began with a speech promoting tolerance and compassion, climaxed in a narrow but unsuccessful vote on recognizing same-sex relationships and ended with the church formally apologizing for past mistreatment of gays. Along the way to the convention's close, delegates guaranteed domestic partner benefits to the church's gay and lesbian employees and elected a gay-friendly presiding bishop, centrist Frank T. Griswold of Chicago.

"This convention was a milestone," said the Rev. Michael Hopkins, vicar of St. George's Church in Maryland and spokesman for Integrity, the association of gay and lesbian Episcopalians.

Every three years the General Convention, the national legislative body for the 2.5 million-member Episcopal Church, meets for 10 days to set policy.

Going into the 72nd General

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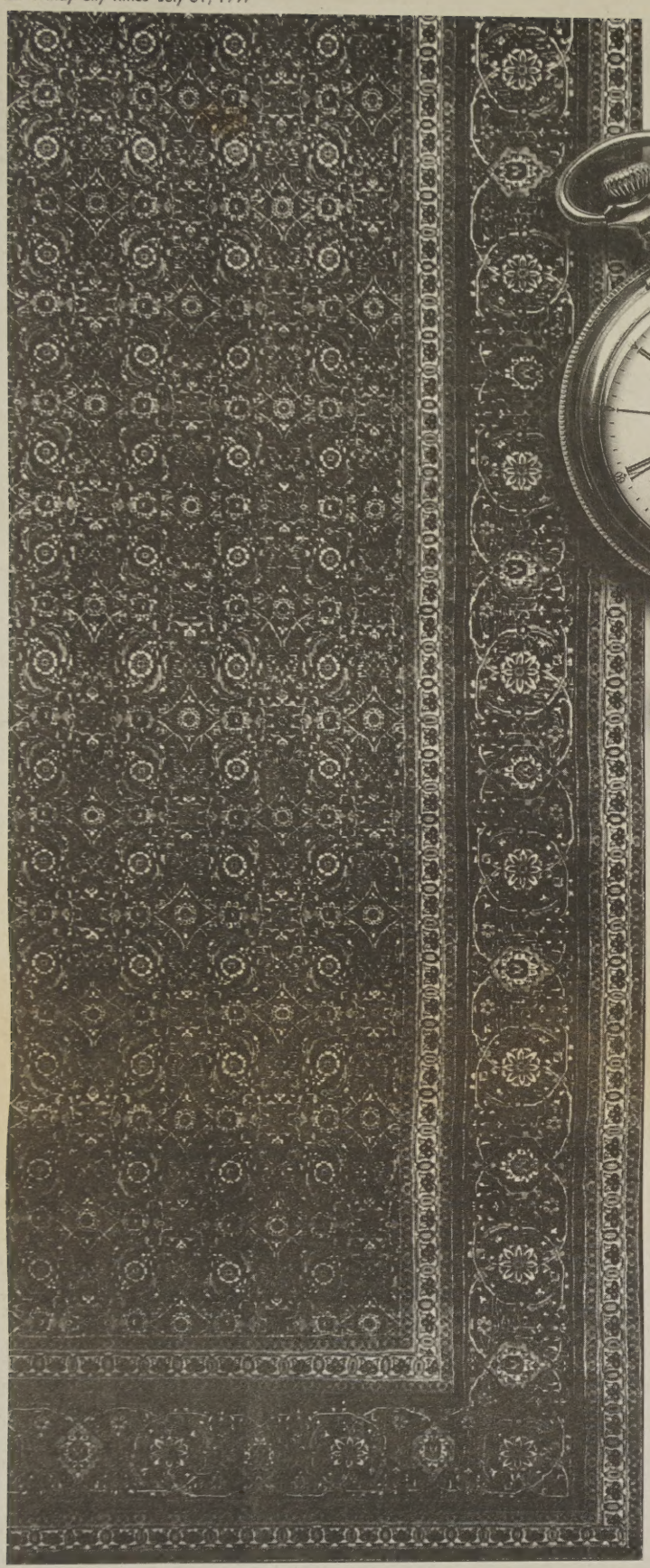

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"The freedom to marry is not about Hawaii. It's not about one victory, one defeat, one battle or one state."

—Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, page 12.

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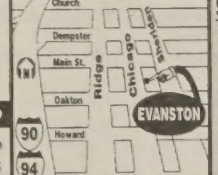

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Convention, gay activists knew what was at stake. If they lost at this convention, their issues would not be addressed again until the convention in Denver in 2000.

Setting the tone as the convention opened July 18, Bishop Edmond Browning told 1,100 church leaders and 10,000 visitors that "It was Jesus, not me, who said there would be no outcasts."

The next day, seven dioceses put forth a resolution that would create a rite for blessing same-sex unions, a measure rejected at three previous conventions.

Describing his emotions as the delegates considered the bill, Hopkins said, "I thought I had things pretty much under control, but then, as soon as they called the resolution up for debate, my whole body came alive with emotion. Suddenly, years of struggle and prayer, hard work and waiting, and pain and expectation focus[ed] on a moment."

The measure needed 57 votes from the 112-member clerical delegation and 57 votes from the 113-member lay delegation. It received 56 votes from each.

Though the delegates rejected the resolution, gay activists didn't consider the vote a defeat. "While we regret the failure of the House of Deputies to take affirmative action on this resolution, we are pleased to see discussion on this issue move forward," said Fred Ellis III, Integrity's president. "We look forward to continuing this discussion over the next three years, and an affirming decision by the 73rd General Convention."

Hopkins added, "It is clear that an increasing number of people are coming over to our side on this issue. The wind is clearly blowing."

The gust Hopkins felt proved strong enough at the convention to push delegates to reject attempts to ban gay clergy and approve a plan to provide domestic partner benefits to church employees.

It also swept Griswold into office. At a press conference following his election to a nine-year term, he vowed to promote reform while uniting the church.

"Our church should be open to both the truth of our tradition and new manifestations of truth from uncharted territory," said Griswold, who ordained Hopkins and other openly gay clergy.

Hopkins said Griswold "has long been a supporter of the full participation of gay and lesbian persons in the life of the church."

Griswold's comment echoed a resolution passed at the 1976 General Convention proclaiming gays and lesbians "children of God, entitled to a full and equal claim to the ministry of and participation in the church."

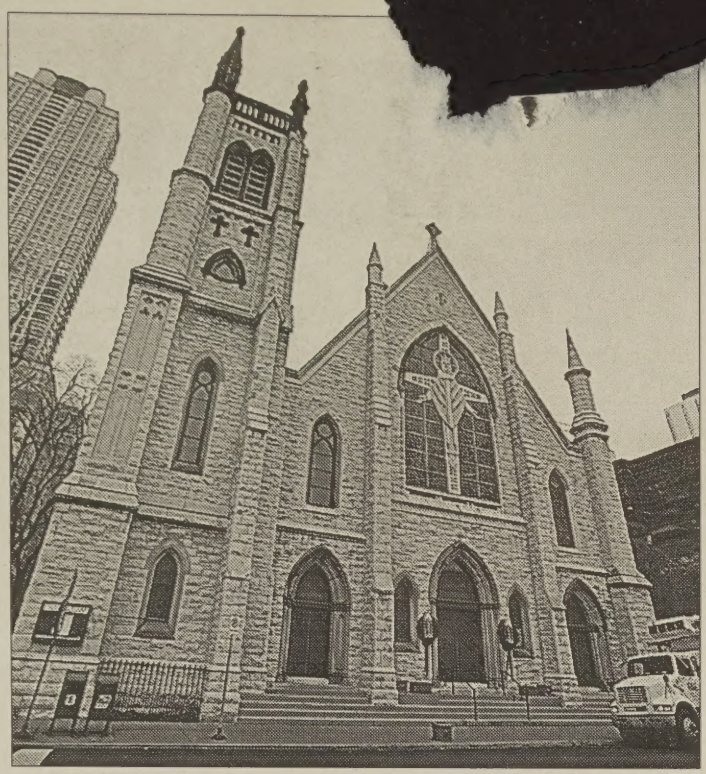
To prove the church's commitment to that 11-year-old resolution, the delegates last week issued an apology for "years of rejection and maltreatment by the church."

The apology stated, "The 72d General Convention apologizes on behalf of the Episcopal Church to its members who are gay or lesbian. . . . We look forward to these words of apology being translated into deeds of tolerance and inclusion."

Though the actions taken in Philadelphia last week demonstrated that while the church overall is supportive, gay activists continue to face steely opposition in a vocal, conservative minority.

Bishop James Stanton of Dallas, who tried to thwart both pro-gay reform, and a resolution providing for the ordination of women, said he is "anguished" over the church supporting "sexual practices clearly at odds with the whole of the biblical pattern."

Stanton, in a statement read to the convention, promised to keep fighting the gay rights movement for church members who believe homosexuality is a sin. "We will not abandon you," he said, "or our determination to guard the faith once delivered to the saints."



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The new presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States, Frank Griswold, will be leaving his home church, St. James Cathedral in Chicago.

The Rite Words

Gay and lesbian activists speculate that at the Episcopal Church's next General convention, the denomination may decide to move forward and develop a rite for the blessing of same-sex unions. The following is an excerpt from a same-sex commitment ceremony that may serve as a model for the church's blessing of the future:

Minister: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the covenant of love and fidelity which Nancy and Cindy have made with each other. The union of two persons in heart, body and mind is intended for God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and that their love may be a blessing to all whom they encounter. This solemn vow is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately and with the commitment to seek God's will for their lives.

Nancy, you come to affirm your covenant of love and fidelity with Cindy and your intention to live together in a committed relationship. Will you love her, comfort her, honor her and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Nancy: I will.

Minister: Cindy, you come to affirm your covenant of love and fidelity with Cindy and your intention to live together in a committed relationship. Will you love her, comfort her, honor her and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Cindy: I will.

—From the Bishop's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Ministry

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Jewish Gay Conference Convenes

DALLAS—More than 300 delegates assembled for the 15th annual World Conference of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Jews—and were met by protesters from an East Texas Baptist church denouncing them as abominations.

The conference, held over the weekend of July 5-6, was sponsored by Dallas' 120-member gay congregation Beth El Binah and supported in part by a $5,000 donation from the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas.

Delegates included representatives from more than 30 primarily gay and lesbian synagogues in the U. S. and around the world. Keynote speaker for the convention was former Health and Human Services Asst. Secretary Roberta Achtenberg, the *Dallas Morning News* reported.

Congress President Jack Gilbert dismissed the protesters, saying, "They're living in a world of maybe 100 years ago."

Anglican Church Offers Endorsement of Same-Sex Couples

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The Anglican church in British Columbia endorsed a provincial government proposal to recognize same-sex couples for the purposes of child custody and maintenance.

Provincial archbishop David Crawley wrote to Premier Glen Clark endorsing the proposal and noting, "Homosexual people should have the same obligations or protections under the civil law as other citizens."

The letter was co-signed by the four bishops who serve under Crawley.

The legislation was opposed by a group of Catholic, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, and conservative Protestant leaders.

Premier Clark is a member of the left-liberal New Democratic Party.

Display Memorializes Those Who Serve in Secret

MINNEAPOLIS—Former Presbyterian pastor Martha Juillerat has assembled a display of more than 400 stoles from gay and lesbian clergy who were denied ordination or who are serving in secret.

Stoles are the wide bands of cloth ministers wear around the neck while conducting worship services.

Unwilling to continue keeping secret her relationship with a woman, Juillerat decided to resign her pastorate, but before she did so, she asked other gay clergy to send her their stoles. She displayed the 80 she received while she delivered her farewell speech.

"I said, 'These stoles represent the friends who are with us here in spirit.' It moved people to tears," she told the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Curating and displaying at church events the more than 400 stoles she has collected is now a full-time job for Juillerat. The most recent large display was in Louisville, at a national meeting of 5,000 Presbyterian women.

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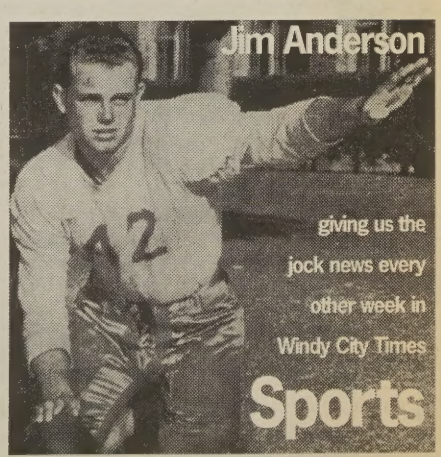

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Clinton, Activists Meet at White House

Session Focuses On Problems Facing Gay Youth

By Lisa Neff

When the president of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays finished telling the president of the United States about the brutal beating of an Arkansas gay youth, gay rights advocates attending the July 22 discussion at the White House meeting say: "You could have heard a pin drop."

PFLAG president Nancy McDonald, one of a dozen activists who met with Bill Clinton to discuss topics ranging from child custody to gays in the military, set the tone for the nearly two-hour session.

She first told Clinton about a gay bashing in Fayetteville, Ark., last fall in which a gay youth was savagely beaten, suffering a broken nose, bruised kidneys and a back cut from being dragged by his attackers. McDonald reminded the president of the letter the youth's mother, Carolyn Wagner, sent him after the assault.

McDonald also talked about her lesbian daughter, who felt forced to leave her hometown of Tulsa, Okla., to find work as a teacher.

"Because she's out . . . she can't work here in Tulsa," McDonald said. "She could be investigated. She could be harassed. She could lose her career."

McDonald said that as Clinton listened, "he seemed emotionally moved."

So the PFLAG representative continued to address the president.

McDonald said to Clinton, "Who better to lead the way and help make a real difference in the lives of our children, our friends and our families than the president of our country? You can make America a safer, more tolerant country."

McDonald talked with Clinton twice before last week's meeting. The first time, Clinton, as governor of Arkansas, toured the Tulsa school system where McDonald worked as an administrator. The second occasion was in April, during the President's Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia. There, McDonald delivered to the president PFLAG's promise to create safe spaces for at least 10,000 gay and lesbian youth in the next several years.

> 'You can make America a safer, more tolerant country.'

To keep that pledge, McDonald told Clinton she needed his support for programs promoting tolerance in America's schools and educational campaigns to help people understand homosexuality.

McDonald understands the value of education from first-hand experience. "When my daughter came out over 10 years ago," she said, "My learning curve was minus 50. I knew nothing about the topic. It was not in my realm of experiences and I had to get on the fast track of learning."

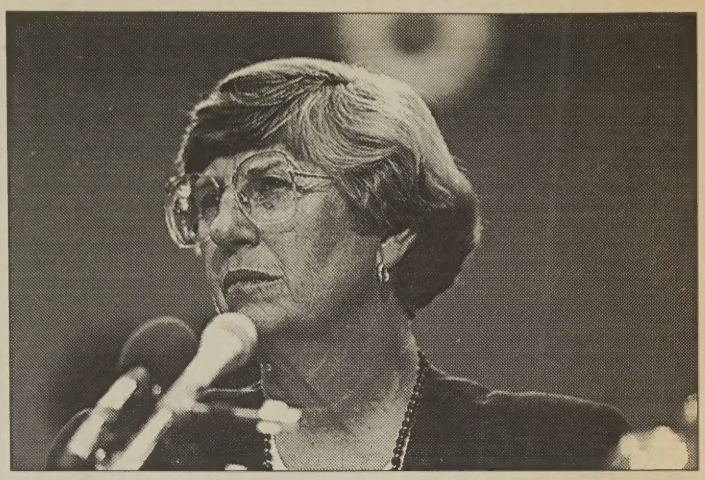
Another meeting participant, Kevin Jennings, of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network, said, "I believe the president 'got it' on this issue, and that he will now include anti-gay violence as part of his campaign to create safe schools and equal education opportunity for all." The president knows "that we won't stop until all of our youth have the chance to grow up into happy, healthy adults."

Jennings and other activists said they left the session with a sense that Clinton is familiar with their demands, though he may not support their full agenda.

"Having never participated in anything like this before, I was unsure how things would flow; but I was pleased to find the president open, honest and receptive," Jennings said.

Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said, "At those places where we disagree with the president, and there are many, we know for certain now that he acts not out of ignorance but out of his political analysis for advancing his agenda."

As the meeting adjourned, Clinton reassured activists that he wanted the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which bans sexual-orientation-based discrimination in the workplace, passed this year and that he intends to nominate to the U.S. Senate at least five openly gay people for administration jobs.



Nancy McDonald, president of the national Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays met with President Bill Clinton July 22.

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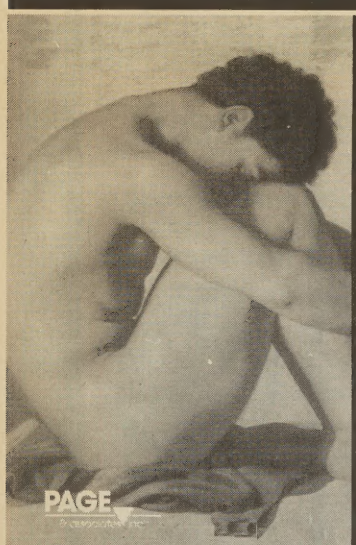

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White House, GOP Hammer Out Budget Deal

By Louis Weisberg

The historic federal budget deal reached Monday between White House and Republican negotiators should not hurt AIDS funding levels next year but is likely to result in a significant squeeze over the ensuing four years, as the government phases in $65 billion in domestic discretionary spending cuts.

"Our funding is going to be a target," predicted David Munar, policy associate for AIDS Foundation of Chicago. "As the number of people living with AIDS increases, and the virus continues to spread unabated, there are going to be fewer resources to deal with the HIV/AIDS crisis as well as with health care [in general]."

The budget agreement also includes sizable cuts to Medicaid, a federal program relied upon by 53 percent of Americans living with AIDS, according to government figures.

"The heart of the cuts is in payments to hospitals like Cook County that serve a disproportionate share of uninsured people," said Christine Lubinski, deputy executive director of AIDS Action Council. The budget deal also includes an end to the federal oversight of Medicaid managed care, leaving Lubinksi fearful that states will operate programs lacking adequate resources and consumer protections. "We're very concerned about that," Lubinkski said.

The budget deal hammered out earlier this week includes the first major tax cut since 1981 as well as an agreement to end deficit spending by 2002. The proposed tax relief will benefit families, homeowners and investors. In addition, less of an individual's estate would be taxable at death.

Despite all the concerns over the budget deal, AIDS funding advocates said there is good news concerning next year. Appropriations bills for fiscal 1998 that have passed both House and Senate committees contain numbers that "are actually pretty good," Lubinski said. Both chambers were expected to approve the bills before the Aug. 1 recess.

The bill before the House proposes a $250-million increase for AIDS care, prevention and research, including a $132-million boost for the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP), which makes medications available to uninsured and underinsured individuals who otherwise could not afford them. The Ryan White CARE Act, which funds the bulk of services available in this country for people with HIV/AIDS, would receive an additional $172 million next year under the House bill.

> 'It's controversial to support AIDS funding in this conservative Congress.'

Advocates credit the increases contained in the House bill to U.S. Rep. John Porter (R-Ill.), chairman of the Labor Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee. He pushed hard for them despite a lack of support from the White House, according to advocates familiar with what occurred behind the scenes on Capitol Hill.

"Porter showed real leadership," Munar said. "It's controversial to support AIDS funding in this conservative Congress."

The appropriations bill before the Senate contains only a $50-million increase for ADAP. It does, however, recommend a $30-million increase in funding for HIV prevention programs, compared to only a $5-million increase before the House. The Senate bill recommends an $81-million increase in Ryan White funding.

Compromise negotiations between the House and Senate will probably not begin until September. But advocates were happy that it appears "we're not going to see an immediate impact, at least," Lubinski said.

Concerns about funding beyond next year, however, clouds the future for AIDS advocates. "We're going to be in the very awkward position of having to defend our funding over that of other programs," Munar said. In this year's House negotiations, for instance, there was an attempt to yank money from diabetes funding to cover AIDS increases. Although the attempt was ultimately defeated, Munar sees it as a sign of difficult decisions to come.

Munar also predicted that the looming decline in federal dollars will force the AIDS community into a corner where cruel choices will have to be made. Warned Munar: "There's going to be a lot of discussion about what's more important—AIDS drugs or primary care? Housing or AIDS—which do you want? These kinds of horrible questions are going to be imposed on us as money shrinks."

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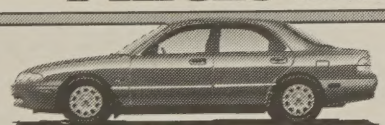

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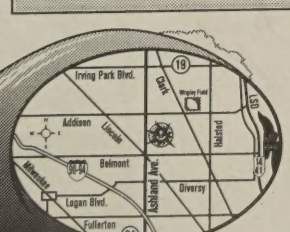

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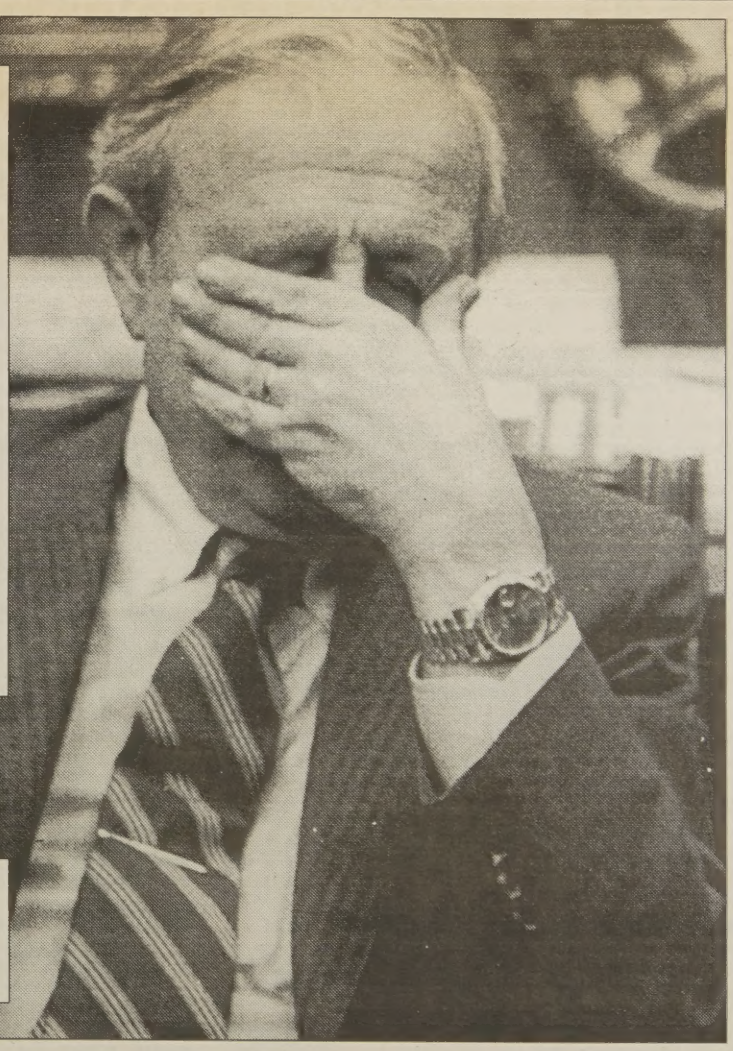

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Appreciation for AIDS Ride II Participants

To Twin Cities-Chicago AIDS Ride II riders, crew, staff, volunteers and pledges, we wanted the entire Chicago area to know what an immense contribution has been made on behalf of AIDS service agencies.

On Behalf of the AIDSCare residents, volunteers, staff and board of directors, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the sacrifice and generosity you have demonstrated by participating in and supporting the ride.

Being on crew for the second year, I am ever amazed at the commitment and courage each and every one of you embody. You have symbolized for me the care, courage and resolve that gives us the right to be called human beings.

In your resolve, you have showed that people have what it takes to fight for the health and future of those living with HIV/AIDS. For this I admire everything you have done and am so privileged to be counted among you.

We want and we need for you to know what an amazing impact your efforts have had for our agency and our residents and clients.

From the money received from the first AIDS Ride, we were also able to expand the services of our wellness center to serve up to 300 people living with HIV throughout the Chicago area. Proceeds from this year's ride will allow us to begin aggressive planning for our second facility, to be located on the West Side. Because of your help, AIDSCare will not be required to go into debt in order to open this new facility. If not for your dedication, we would, quite literally, have labored for years to achieve these goals. Your contributions insure that AIDSCare will be here to serve for years to come.

As an AIDS service provider, we are committed to care for those who find it difficult or impossible to take care of themselves. We have experienced many high points this past year with the new medications, but we have also been emotionally drained by the continued sickness and death of those for whom the new medications are not working. We are committed to those who fall through the safety net and we will always stand with them so they are assured dignity and care.

What you did for us by riding, crewing, staffing, volunteering and donating is help us live out our mission of service.

James V. Flossi
AIDSCare founder and president

Cocktail Plume

Standing outside Cocktail the other evening, I noticed clouds of smoke emerging every time the door opened. Even though the vast majority of patrons don't smoke, the cigarettes of the few nauseate and sicken everyone. A heightened awareness of the consequences of second-hand smoke—including perhaps 55,000 deaths every year—has led to law suits and new bans on public smoking in buildings, on planes, and nearly everywhere except bars. Somehow, the industry has continued to lobby successfully to keep bars exempt from the laws.

We do not need to be killing each other. What society is now saying to the tobacco companies, we must now say to our own institutions, and our own community. It is worse than rude to poison the air we share. It is worse than greed to let the injury go unchecked for the sake of profit. Why is no bar in our community non-smoking? It is time to demand answers.

F. Jay Deacon
Oak Park

Observer's Notebook

PAUL VARNELL

Inventing Sodomy

ONCE WHEN sex researcher Alfred Kinsey's associate Wardell Pomeroy asked one of his interview subjects how she found out about masturbation, she replied, "I invented it, and if I could have patented it, I'd have made a million dollars."

Few people can claim to have invented a human practice, particularly a sexual practice, but often there is a great deal to be learned from finding out when a concept, a mental construct, about human behavior was first invented and how it was used.

This task of historical recovery is undertaken by openly gay Notre Dame professor Mark Jordan in his new book *The Invention of Sodomy in Christian Theology.*

Jordan's surprising conclusion is that the concept of "sodomy" was invented in the Middle Ages, and that it was beset from its first appearance with tensions, paradoxes, confusions, "instabilities," and contradictions that make it useless for trying to think about same-sex love and copulation.

To be sure, hostility to homosexual conduct has a long, lurid history in Catholic and pre-Christian thinking. But it was the 11th century Italian clerical zealot—and advocate of bodily mortification—Peter Damian who forged the concept of "sodomy" as an abstract category of sin by writing, "If blasphemy is the worst sin, I do not know any way [in which] sodomy is any better."

> 'Sodomy' was invented in the Middle Ages, and beset with tensions, paradoxes and contradictions.

Earlier references to same-sex behavior had referred to it as the "sin of the Sodomites," that is the sin associated with the men of that particular city. Peter's change is more significant than it looks, says Jordan. First, the term abstracts from all the other sins associated with that mythical ancient city (pride, inhospitality, incest, impiety), and reduces the person to the sin. Second, it also abstracts from all the various human motives and circumstances that can elicit or accompany same-sex activity, reducing them to the (alleged) motive of the men of the ancient city.

But paradoxes and contradictions follow immediately. For instance, Peter argues against sodomy but insists that sodomy is beyond the reach of reason. It supposedly subverts the city, but builds enduring communities. In its resistance to punishment it behaves more like an involuntary nature than crime or sin. It seems to be an unrepentable sin, contradicting doctrines of all-powerful divine grace.

These difficulties are multiplied in the works of subsequent writers.

For instance, in an early work by poet and theologian Alan of Lille called the "Plaint of Nature ("plaint" means "protest" or "lament"), Nature is personified as a woman who claims that same-sex copulation is contrary to Nature, but she cannot give a good reason for her disapproval. Alan's ironic intention is to show that arguments from nature are inadequate for moral theology, and the consequent necessity for Christian doctrine. But, and here lies the paradox, in later works Alan denounces sodomy as "against nature" but never supplies any of the arguments Nature needed to make her case.

Some writers of guidebooks for confessors (called "penitentials") even say they are reluctant to speak specifically about sodomy at all, despite its seriousness, for fear of inciting it, implying that it is far from obviously "against nature" if it is so naturally appealing to people. And so they denounce sodomy in luridly repellent language, disgusting metaphors, frightening examples and fantastic myths, as if these constituted an argument against it, but without ever specifying what behaviors are forbidden, or why.

The 13th century theologian Albert the Great was renowned even in his own time for his knowledge of the Greek and Arabic scientific and medical texts then becoming known in the West. These texts had a good deal of information about sex and same-sex copulation. But although Albert showed himself willing, even eager, to use his knowledge to advance understanding of opposite-sex copulation, and broaden the variety of allowable behaviors, he was markedly unwilling to do so for same-sex behavior, despite the materials available for that. His silence, like the evasions of the penitentials, amounts to a dishonest rejection of both truth and pastoral benevolence.

Finally, Jordan points out that Thomas Aquinas was generally rigorous in the hierarchical organization of his *Summa,* except that he denounces sodomy in far greater detail and with far more vehemence than can possibly be justified by his placement of it among what Jordan calls "a middling subset of fleshly sins." Furthermore, anyone who tries to use Thomas' arguments is caught up in his condemnation, less severely but on the same grounds, of masturbation, heterosexual fellatio and cunnilingus, non-"missionary position" heterosexual contact, even, by implication, sex by infertile couples.

Why, Jordan finally asks, these contradictions, these silences, the vehemence and luridly false descriptions? Jordan rejects the idea that they are caused by homophobia. "Homophobia," he correctly says, is "not an explanation, but a placeholder for an explanation yet to be provided."

But Jordan points to clues in the markedly exaggerated language in matters often connected to same-sex pleasure.

First, an obsession with cleanliness or "purity" and the avoidance of "pollution" or contamination, despite the Gospels' repeated rejection of all the Old Testament notions of ritual purity, including the obsessive sexual purity codes.

Second, an equation of the morally good with self-restraint, and the view that sodomy is a shameful, disreputable passion, although early Christians were often noted for their self-abandonment and heedless of their social reputation.

Third, an obsessive misogyny, a horror of effeminacy, and a view of women as something defective, disreputable, "already half polluted," although, again, there is nothing in Christian revelation to support this contempt, and much to counter it.

Jordan suggests in the end that Catholic Christianity has never found a way to cope with the erotic and with pleasure, and that that is true for opposite-sex couples as well as same-sex couples. Opposite-sex copulation is tolerated only grudgingly for the sake of reproduction: "But no such concession needed to be made for same-sex love, and so the entire force of condemnation—including the surplus of force left over from the concession to marriage—could be brought to bear on it. . . .

"To invent sodomy was to isolate the erotic in its pure state, where it could be described in frightening colors and condemned without concession. . . . 'Sodomy' is the nervous refusal of theologians to understand how pleasure can survive the preaching of the Gospel."

A Bully in the Pulpit

Editor's note: The following is a response to a New Hampshire columnist.

We were deeply dismayed to read Richard Lessner's unconscionable attacks on children in his recent editorials entitled "Lies and Statistics." Although he is correct that the 1989 Bush administration Health and Human Services report on youth suicide included only reports on secondary research, he conveniently neglected the author's plea for primary research in order to substantiate the report's findings.

That plea has resulted in research studies which more than substantiate the gruesome HHS findings. In 1995, the Massachusetts Department of Education conducted a youth risk behavior study.

That survey reported the following: Students who describe themselves as gay, lesbian, or bisexual and/or who have had same sex sexual contact reported being significantly more likely than their peers to face threats, attempt suicide and abuse drugs and alcohol.

On the subject of suicide alone, the survey results show that 36.5 percent of gay, lesbian and bisexual students have attempted suicide in the past year as opposed to 8.9 percent of other students.

Impersonal statistics do not express the horrific impact of lesbian and gay teen suicides on family values and family life. How many mothers, how many fathers, must suffer the tragedy of losing a child because of the homophobia directed against their children? The suicide of a lesbian or gay teen sears the souls of other family members o brothers and sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and in-laws. Friends, teachers, and clergy who knew them also must deal with the tragedy. These young people are flesh and blood, real people with real families.

Using the bully pulpit of the editorial page of our only statewide newspaper to attack our children, both gay and straight, has immeasurable negative ramifications.

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A New Role for a Veteran Leader

MARY F. Morten—reformer, activist, community advocate—will head for City Hall Friday, where she assumes her new role as director/community liaison for the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues (ACGLI).

Mayor Richard M. Daley appointed Morten to her new post June 18 to fill the vacancy created when Larry McKeon resigned to campaign for the state House.

A Chicago native, Morten already has established a legacy of advocacy work in the city. She is the former president of the Chicago National Organization for Women and the founder of that organization's first Women of Color and Lesbian Rights committees. She has served as commissioner on the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, the chair for the city's Advisory Council for Women.

The skills and experience Morten brought to her work at NOW and the Women's Self-Empowerment Project will no doubt prove useful as she tackles new challenges at city hall.

Morten's first challenge will be revitalizing ACGLI, a commission now in disarray. The director wants to fill commission vacancies (there are seven) by recruiting people from communities typically under-represented, specifically people of color and people of various socio-economic groups. Morten says she looks forward to tackling this goal, to "building bridges and working with the entire community."

> We need Morten to apply pressure at City Hall to push Chicago further, faster.

Indeed the potential strength of Chicago's gay and lesbian community is diluted by the city's racial, gender, class and geographic barriers. We wish Mary Morten well in her endeavor to unify the community, and call on gay and lesbian Chicagoans to assist her in recruiting a diverse membership for the city's Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues.

We also hope Morten can help lead Chicago and its gay and lesbian citizens into the 21st century with pride, dignity and equality. The community has taken great strides in the past decade, but there is more to accomplish.

Though residents in Chicago are protected from sexual-orientation based discrimination, the city lags behind others in ensuring equality for all.

Where is, for example, the domestic partner registry that exists in other locales and recognizes same-sex unions? Earlier this year, the gay and lesbian employees of the city won benefits for their domestic partners but where is the city's recognition of the lives its gay and lesbian residents share together?

We need Morten to apply pressure at City Hall to push the city further, faster. And she will need our collective help in achieving her ambitious agenda.

Anatomy of a Smear Campaign

By Michelangelo Signorile

RIGHT-WING Republican political campaigns are famous for smear tactics, and we saw them utilized skillfully by both of Ronald Reagan's presidential campaigns: Democrats of all stripes were tarred with the term "tax and spend liberal" until the word "liberal" eventually turned into a dirty word. Some Republicans have even used these tactics against each other: Patrick Buchanan, invoking anti-gay rhetoric, smeared George Bush during the 1991 Republican primary race for his minimal support of the National Endowment for the Arts, injecting hate into the election campaign and polarizing discussion.

It's hard to believe that esteemed gay scholars, among others, would engage in this kind of a campaign. Yet those in a newly-formed New York group helped orchestrate a campaign of name-calling meant to discredit queer activists (including myself) and damage their reputations.

The first phase of the smear campaign began in June when the group wrote and distributed a flier that claimed that I "blame" gay men for spreading AIDS, and that I don't "trust" gay men. It then attempted to blur the distinctions between myself and other gay writers the group is targeting, and to portray us all as "neo-conservatives."

The fliers were distributed all over New York City. They were reprinted in full-page ads in gay publications, and an electronic version was posted on the Internet.

Why would esteemed scholars and others do this? It appears the reason is simply because I seem to disagree with them on one particular issue: How to navigate sex in the middle of the AIDS epidemic. And they seem to believe that one's position on this issue is a litmus test for being properly queer. It seems that they do not like the critique I have put forth in my new book, *Life Outside*. For that reason, these scholars and activists would rather engage in a smear campaign than talk to me about the actual ideas I lay out in my book. The goal of any smear campaign is to induce fear in people by making baseless charges. (This group has gone so far as to suggest that my book has inspired government repression).

A couple of weeks after the fliers were distributed, the campaign went into its second phase. One gay academic for whom I've always had a lot of respect, was quoted in the group's widely distributed press release claiming that I "don't believe in safer sex." He did not present any examples from my work to back up these assertions. Anyone who has read my work—particularly my columns in *Out* on unsafe sex—knows this is patently false.

The third phase of this smear campaign came days later when another academic, also a member of the group, published a piece in *The Nation* in which he incredulously lumped together gay writers who run the gamut of the gay political spectrum and dubbed us all "neo-conservatives." He claimed that I like to think of myself as being "in the mainstream of the gay movement" but that I am really a "neo-con," even if "unconsciously." What examples from my work did he use to back up this truly bizarre charge? None. All he offered was his observation that, among other things, I "repudiate" the gay movement's "goal of political mobilization."

Really? Through my work, I have certainly done my share of political mobilizing. For the record, I am opposed to the death penalty and to dismantling welfare. I believe we must fervently protect affirmative action and a woman's right to choose an abortion. I believe we must continue to demand a federal needle exchange program to prevent the spread of HIV among IV drug users. In recent columns I have championed the transgendered movement, and have been highly critical of what I see as the Human Rights Campaign's pandering to the Clinton administration.

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Some might think it ridiculous for me to have to state my positions to disprove the charge that I am a "neo-con." But when it comes to smear campaigns one must challenge the perpetrators ad nauseam.

While smear campaigns are often successful, at other times they don't stick simply because people wise up and become tired of the attacks. It will happen in the midst of this particular smear campaign simply because most gay people are too smart for such tactics, and will not stand for them.

But the question remains, Why are these people doing this? To answer that we need only to look at why right-wing Republicans do it: To divert attention from the important issues at hand. My book raises a lot of questions about where gay men as a community are going as the AIDS epidemic continues its assault, how some aspects of our sexual culture often impact our emotional and physical well-being, and how we need to be more self-aware and self-critical at this point in time. It looks at a particularly influential segment of gay sexual culture that demands conformity and creates anxiety for a lot of men. And while the book does not advocate any one way for gay men to lead their lives, it displays the problems some gay men are facing and looks to other men for possible solutions. *Life Outside* is about creating more options for gay men, not limiting them.

What we need right now is a national, open discussion about sex and our sexual culture—not ugly smear tactics, fear-mongering, and name-calling that polarize debate and shut down discussion.

In spite of what has transpired, I would welcome working with these individuals in the ongoing fight against homophobia. I welcome listening to their ideas about how to deal with the problems many gay men face, and I welcome hearing their ideas for new HIV prevention strategies.

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Vermont Gay Couples Sue for Legal Marriage

By Lisa Neff

Claiming that the Vermont constitution guarantees them the right to marry, three gay couples took their state and their hometowns to court last week.

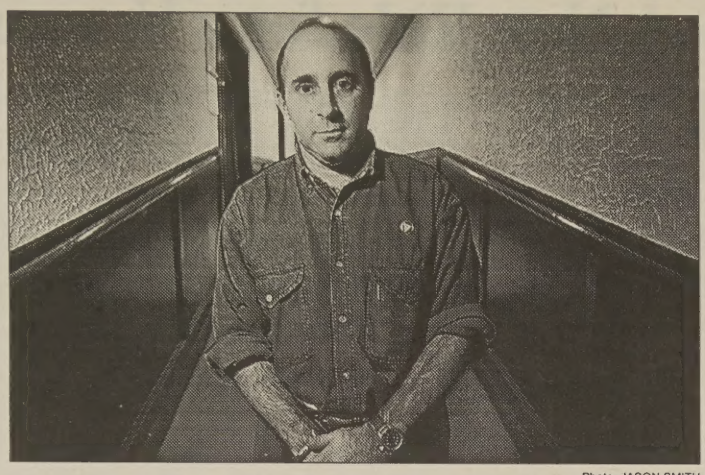
The couples filed a legal suit that parallels a case in Hawaii, where one judge has already approved gay marriage and the state Supreme Court is expected to affirm the ruling later this year.

"The heart of our argument is the same as in Hawaii: sex discrimination in marriage is wrong," attorney Mary Bonauto said of *Baker v. Vermont*, which was filed July 22 in Chittenden County Superior Court. Bonauto, of the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston, is one of three attorneys representing the gay couples.

Bonauto and attorneys Susan Murray and Beth Robinson agreed to take the couples' case after town clerks in Shelburne, South Burlington and Milton, Vt., refused to honor the couples' requests for marriage licenses.

The clerks refused the requests based on an opinion from the Vermont Attorney General's office 22 years ago, when state marriage laws still referred to "bride" and "groom."

In a statement released July 22, the attorneys for the couples said the attorney general's opinion is no longer valid because the legislature amended the marriage statutes to make them gender-neutral. The lawyers also maintain that banning gay marriage violates certain provisions in the state Constitution.



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Evan Wolfson of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund

The 221-year-old document that proclaims all people "are born equally free and independent and have certain natural, inherent and inalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending of life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety."

The Constitution also states that "the government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection or security of the people."

This statement, according to the gay couples' attorneys, means that if the government provides a privilege or benefit to anyone, it must be provided to all.

In this case, the couples' attorneys maintain that legal marriage is a privilege and that the state is denying their clients legal and financial benefits by refusing to allow them to marry.

"Married couples receive over 150 supports and protections under Vermont law," Bonauto said. These benefits "are not available to gay and lesbian couples no matter how long they have been together, no matter how committed their relationship is, and no matter how much they need those legal protections."

Given Vermont's reputation as a bastion of liberal politics, gay rights advocates think the court will decide in their favor. Vermont has led the country on civil rights reform, earning a place in history as the first state to abolish slavery and enact anti-discrimination laws.

"Vermont has a rich historical traditional of promoting equality," Bonauto said, adding that the gay right movement has flourished in this environment. Vermont was among the first states to recognize same-sex couples' right to adopt children and extend domestic partner benefits to government employees. Also the anti-marriage bill introduced in the legislature last year, died in committee.

Encouraged by Vermont's tradition on civil rights issues and the achievements of gay rights activists in the state, members of the national Freedom to Marry Coalition enthusiastically endorsed the lawsuit.

"We've said all along that the freedom to marry is not just about Hawaii. It's not about one victory, one defeat, one battle or one state," said Evan Wolfson, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund attorney handling the Hawaii case and a coordinator of the national marriage campaign. "This is a national movement, from state to state. Vermont presents a great opportunity. This is the right case in the right place at the right time."

Still, those involved in the case expect the religious right to wage a well-organized campaign against same-sex marriage in the state. "There will be a backlash," Bonauto warned.

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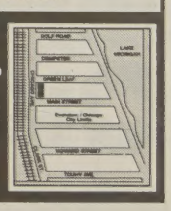

Local Gay Rights Laws on the Rise

By Lisa Neff

The number of local laws banning discrimination against gays is increasing at a rapid rate, according to the first comprehensive analysis of gay rights ordinances in the United States.

Since the first local gay rights ordinance was adopted in East Lansing, Mich., in 1972, 157 U.S. municipalities have enacted measures banning discrimination against gays.

A majority of these ordinances were passed in the '90s, a period generally overshadowed by setbacks in the gay rights movement, said Ken Wald, one of the three University of Florida researchers who spent two years studying the evolution and effectiveness of anti-discrimination laws.

"Although the headlines have been grabbed by national efforts to overturn anti-gay policies or pass gay rights laws, to a large degree the battle for legal protection of gays and lesbians has taken place in the local communities of America," Wald said, adding that in many locations gays won the fight, and today one in five Americans lives in a place where sexual-orientation discrimination is banned.

Wald and professors James Button and Barbara Rienzo began looking at the gay rights movement and grassroots politics in the summer of 1993. After interviewing officials and activists and researching media coverage in 126 communities with gay rights ordinances, the researchers concluded that the laws are effective.

"There was general agreement [among city officials and activists] that the laws did help to reduce discrimination, encouraged people to be more open about their sexual orientation and fostered a greater sense of protection for gays and lesbians," Button said. "The laws are not a panacea but they provide greater freedom."

In addition, the study showed that anti-discrimination laws foster tolerance for gays that extends to schools and other institutions and reduces conflict between the gay community and police.

The majority of officials, activists and community leaders interviewed in the study said enactment of anti-discrimination ordinances had "no negative effects" on the community.

The researchers also charted the slow change in where ordinances are enacted—in college towns and the nation's larger cities in the '70s, then in the suburbs and now, smaller cities and rural communities.

"The common denominator once was that gay rights laws were passing only in college towns and the larger cities, where an organized and active gay community existed," Button said. "Now we're finding that the laws are being passed in more rural areas. The movement is spreading."

When the researchers studied communities lacking gay rights laws, they found closeted gay communities and a lack of progressive political organization, a conclusion Button said seemed logical but was until now undocumented.

The researchers recently published their findings in *Private Lives, Public Conflicts: Battles Over Gay Rights Legislation in American Communities*, a book from Congressional Quarterly Press. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Policy Institute, the Washington-based organization's think tank, also released a booklet version of the report.

Commenting on the research, institute director Urvashi Vaid said, "This study . . . confirms what gay activists have argued for years: We need a more active and politically organized gay rights movement at the local and state level."

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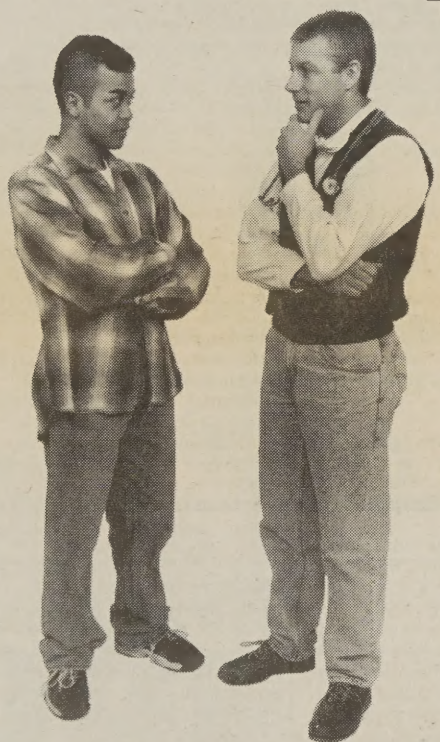

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McCurry Changes Position on 'Don't Ask'

By Lisa Neff

Under pressure from gay rights activists, White House spokesman Mike McCurry last week retracted his statement calling the "don't ask, don't tell" policy a "good one" and admitted to problems with the ban against openly gay servicemembers.

Earlier this month, a U.S. district court judge ruled that the "don't ask" policy banning gays from serving openly is unconstitutional. Asked for his response to the decision during a July 3 press briefing, McCurry said, "The policy is a good one. It is being implemented effectively by the Department of Defense."

McCurry also said the administration would stand by the policy, enacted in 1994, and appeal the judge's decision to a higher court.

Last week, McCurry confessed to reporters that his comments July 3 were off-the-cuff and incorrect. "I've done a little more homework on that issue," he said.

McCurry's tutors included pro-gay groups such as the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a Washington-based advocacy group. In early July, SLDN's supporters flooded the White House communications department with e-mail messages and telegrams protesting McCurry's claim that "don't ask" is an effective and fair measure.

SLDN's letter writers informed officials that gay discharges from the armed forces are higher now than in the pre-" don't ask" era when the military simply banned gays from service.

Based on data obtained from the Pentagon, SLDN reported earlier this year that in 1996 the military discharged 850 people under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. In 1992, before the policy was implemented, there were 708 discharges.

SLDN also reminded McCurry and other White House officials of Secretary of Defense William Cohen's concerns about reported policy violations, including witch hunts and recruitment officers asking about sexual orientation. The secretary recently convened a panel to review these issues.

In a July 10 letter to McCurry, SLDN co-directors C. Dixon Osburn and Michelle Benecke said, "We are concerned that your comments send the wrong message to the panel, encouraging its members to turn a blind eye to command abuses. At the very least, your comments raise serious concerns about whether the administration intends to conduct a good faith review of the implementation of this policy."

After hearing last week that McCurry acknowledged problems with "don't ask," Osburn said, "Both the White House and the Pentagon are on the same page and concerned about the abuses in the field."

Director Irwin Winkler is hoping to persuade Will Smith (above) to play Billy Strayhorn in a film on the jazz composer's life.

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Life of Gay Jazz Composer Billy Strayhorn Inspires Film

NEW YORK—Film director Irwin Winkler is hoping to persuade Will Smith to play Billy Strayhorn in a projected film on the life of the openly gay jazz composer and arranger.

The film will be based on *Lush Life,* a recent biography of Strayhorn by David Hajdu. Winkler reportedly hopes to persuade Denzel Washington to play Duke Ellington, with whom Strayhorn collaborated for many years.

Smith, however, created a minor scandal when he played a gay hustler in *Six Degrees of Separation* and refused to follow a script direction to kiss another man. He told the current issue of *Us* magazine that he was afraid of what other people would think.

"Black people hold their heroes a little more personally responsible for the roles that they choose . . . and black fans can't afford to see us in a compromising role," he said.

Texas Court Allows Lesbian to Sue for Visitation

AUSTIN, Texas—A state appeals court ruled that a former partner in a lesbian relationship has legal standing to sue for visitation rights with her former partner's child, the Associated Press reported.

The decision by the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals was based on a state law which permits anyone who has had "actual care, control, possession of the child for not less than six months preceding the filing of the petition" to seek visitation.

The ruling reversed a lower court decision which stated that the woman did not have standing to sue, given the nature of the women's relationship.

The attorney for the child's mother said that she was trying to do what was best for the child, claiming that the former partner was abusive. The partner's attorney acknowledged that his client had received counseling for "some anger issues," but denied that she was abusive.

Barney Frank Says ENDA is Stalled by GOP Leadership

WASHINGTON—U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) said that the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) is dead in the water because the House Republican leadership refused to let the bill be brought to the floor for a vote, the *Washington Blade* reported.

Speaking before the Department of Labor's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Employees (GLOBE), Frank added that "if people keep lobbying and put enough pressure on the membership and they feel the heat from their constituents, then maybe we could win."

Frank said he was "hopeful" that ENDA would pass the Senate later in this session or the next session of Congress. In 1996, ENDA failed by one vote in the Senate.

Ellen DeGeneres Nominated for Emmy

HOLLYWOOD—Television actress Ellen DeGeneres received an Emmy nomination in the category of best actress in a comedy series.

DeGeneres' series *Ellen* received high ratings and critical plaudits this spring when her character, Ellen Morgan, announced that she is gay. DeGeneres herself acknowledged that she is gay shortly before the episode was broadcast.

Ellen also received four other Emmy nominations, including best directing and best writing for a comedy series, but failed to win one in the best comedy series category.

Meanwhile, ABC president Jamie Tarses said on July 22 that the network would move slowly in developing Ellen's character, Reuters reported.

"Ellen will at some point or other be dating or pursuing relationships, but that is a bit down the line," she told television writers. "It's going to be a lot of baby steps for this character to get comfortable with the decision she's made."

Mayor Sues Over Erroneous Claim That She Was a Lesbian

SAN JOSÉ, Calif.—A former mayor of San José, Janet Grey Hayes, won a court judgment that a history textbook reference to her as "an avowed homosexual" was inaccurate.

Most of the terms of the judgment were not disclosed, but they included allowing Hayes to sue one of the book's distributors for damages. The author was not a target of the suit and the book's publisher is bankrupt.

Hayes was a supporter of gay civil rights while mayor, but said she did not want to be identified as a lesbian and felt that her reputation was damaged by the statement, Associated Press reported.

Hayes said she asked the publisher and distributors to correct the statement appearing in the book's first edition, but brought suit after the claim was repeated in the second edition.

Man Convicted of Killing Gay Man

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.—A jury took just four hours to convict a man of beating and strangling a gay man dressed as a woman with whom he'd gone home.

"This was nothing more than a hate crime," the judge told defendant Yitzak Abba Marta. "This person was killed because he was gay."

Marta testified that he and another man met Alan Walker outside a gay bar while Walker was dressed in women's clothes, and agreed to go to Walker's home.

Marta claimed that when Walker revealed he was a man, he just laughed and left. But Marta's companion, already convicted of murder, testified that the two left, but then returned and killed Walker.

Chrysler Recognizes Gay Employee Group

DETROIT—In late June Chrysler Corporation recognized a gay employee group, People of Diversity, that was formed earlier this year, the *Detroit News* reported.

Chrysler said it is making efforts to foster a more accepting workforce for gays and lesbians, apparently aware of growing criticism from the gay community that its employee and advertising policies have been perceived as anti-gay.

Company officials said they revised their "standards of conduct" to caution employees against harassing anyone on the basis of sexual orientation as well as the other usual categories. And beginning in the fall, it will open its diversity training programs to more than 100,000 employees worldwide.

The company said it will also feature People of Diversity in an article on diversity in an upcoming issue of its weekly employee newspaper.

"We can't create an environment of inclusion overnight," said Monica Emerson, Chrysler's director of diversity. "We recognize that diversity in the workplace is a journey."

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State Activists Form Federation

Union to Strengthen Gay Rights Drive at the State Level

By Lisa Neff

Activists representing 32 states came together earlier this month in a historical meeting in Knoxville, Tenn., to found the Federation, a coalition uniting state political groups to further the gay rights movement.

"We really wanted an organization to focus on state legislatures," said Roger Leishman, director of the ACLU of Illinois Gay and Lesbian Rights Project and a founding member of the Federation. "The state House is where the action is and in the future, where our focus must be."

Activists put forth the idea for the Federation last year at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's (NGLTF) Creating Change Conference.

For the past eight months, Leishman and about 10 other activists from around the country have been discussing how to get the new organization off the ground.

Activists did not want to just create another Washington-based national organization. Instead they wanted a coalition similar to the networks that unite AIDS service groups, gay and lesbian community centers and anti-violence projects.

"There are people out there trying to pass gay rights bills, fight sodomy laws, beat back anti-marriage bills, but there wasn't a mechanism to share information, so a lot of us have reinvented the wheel," said Leishman. He envisions the Federation as an opportunity for activists "to share war stories and big strategies and tiny tactics," as well as update one another about the activities of the religious right.

Meeting at Knoxville's Highlander, the farmhouse where labor organizers and black civil rights leaders met years ago to discuss tactics, activists adopted a mission statement, which identifies four goals:

- To heighten communication and cooperation between state organizations;
- To establish a clearinghouse for exchanging information and ideas about political organizing;
- To assist existing and new groups to build stronger organizations;
- To provide a structure for state and national groups to work together.

> 'States are ground zero in the struggle for equality.'

Structuring the Federation, activists divided the country into five regions and agreed that each area will be represented by two people on an executive committee. Three at-large representatives also will sit on the board.

"We'll focus on strengthening state organizations so that we are better equipped for the upcoming civil rights battles we are facing state by state," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas and another Federation co-chair.

To help nurture the Federation, NGLTF will coordinate programs and lend staff to the coalition's initiatives for the next three years.

Commenting on the Federation, NGLTF executive director Kerry Lobel said, "States are ground zero in the struggle for equality and justice, and it is essential that these groups become better resourced and supported if we are to ensure our ultimate success as a movement."

Members of the new group, including Leishman, will meet next in November during NGLTF's 1997 Creating Change Conference in San Diego. The activists plan to elect an executive committee at that time.

"We'll finalize the organization," Leishman said. "Those of us who have been on the transition team can pass the baton to a permanent committee. And then we will be ready to focus on substantive issues."

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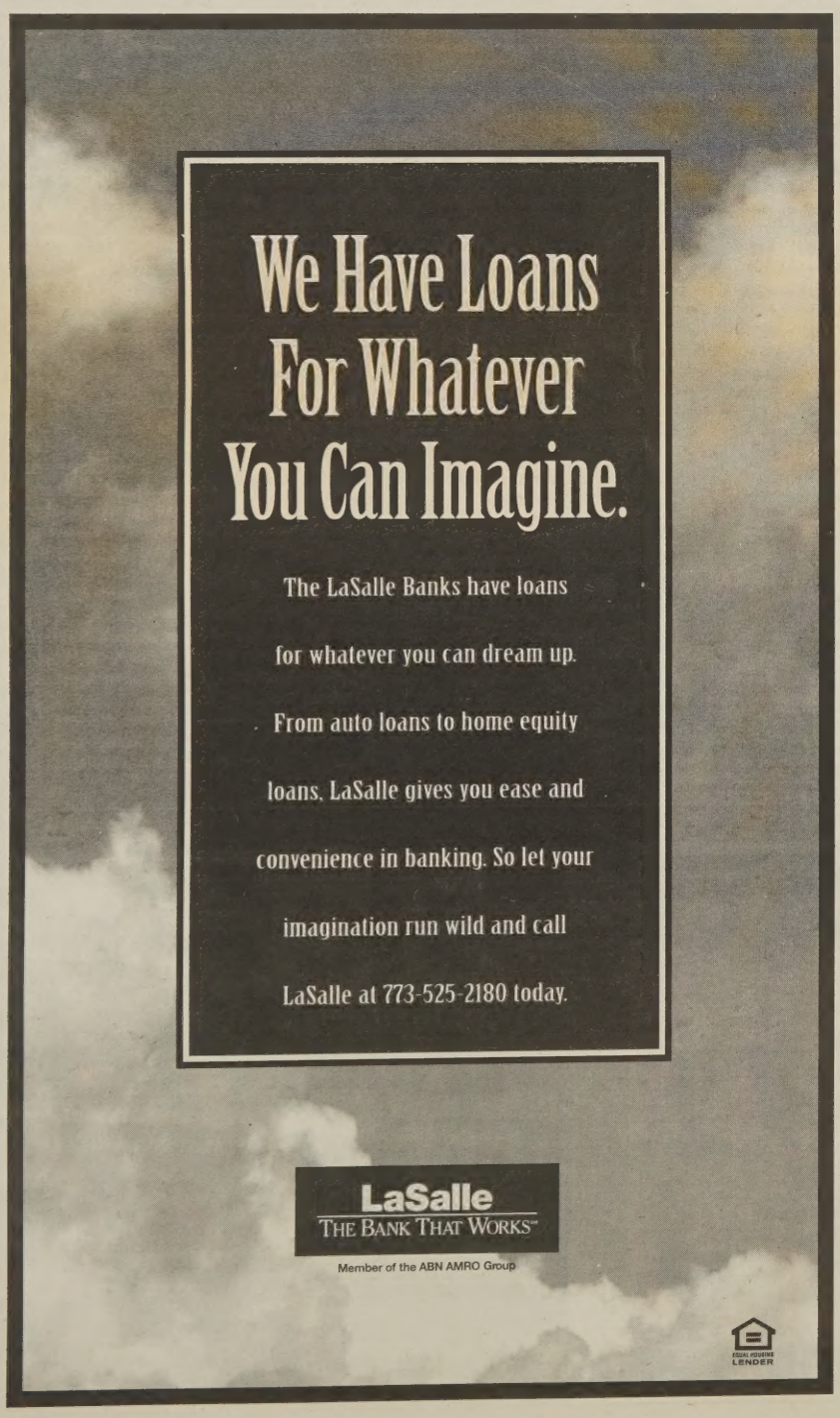
Roger Leishman, director, ACLU of Illinois Gay and Lesbian Rights Project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Obituaries

Doug Hartzell

Doug Hartzell died Saturday, July 19 of liver failure. He was 38.

Hartzell had been active in Chicago theater since 1984. He produced, directed and/or acted in the notorious shows *Cannibal Cheerleaders on Crack*, *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* and *Christmas with Elvis*. His work received several Jeff awards. He also served as general manager of the Halsted Theatre Centre from 1991-1993.

Hartzell is survived by his mother, father, brother, sister-in-law and a newborn nephew.

A memorial service will be held Aug. 18 at American Blues Theatre, 1909 W. Byron, at 7:30 p.m.

Robert E. Lutz

Robert Lutz died Friday, July 4 of complications from AIDS.

Despite only one year of college, Lutz was near the top of his profession as a computer software designer. He founded Predictable Systems, Inc., at 28. He created systems for LaSalle Steel, Electronic Data Systems, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois, Boeing Computer Services and Abbott Laboratories.

He helped manage artist Jon Reich's career and business affairs from 1982 until Reich's death in September 1992.

Lutz is survived by his spouse Rich, his father Eugene, sister Marigene and brothers Jim, Chuck and Tom.

Patrick G. Gill

Patrick Gerard Gill, who in 1990 sued the city of Washington, D.C., in an effort to gain a marriage license with his male partner, died Monday, June 23. He was 30.

Gill and his partner, Craig Dean, applied for a marriage license in November 1990. Their application was rejected.

In a highly publicized case, Gill and Dean sued the city. They claimed that the refusal of the license was a violation of Washington, D.C.'s Human Rights Act.

Their case was dismissed by a D.C. Superior Court judge in late 1991. They appealed the ruling, but their appeal was rejected by a three-judge panel in the D.C. Court of Appeals in 1995. Gill and Dean separated that year.

Gill moved to Miami Beach, Fla., in December 1996. He is survived by his parents, a sister, a brother and Dean, who remained a good friend.

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Around Chicago

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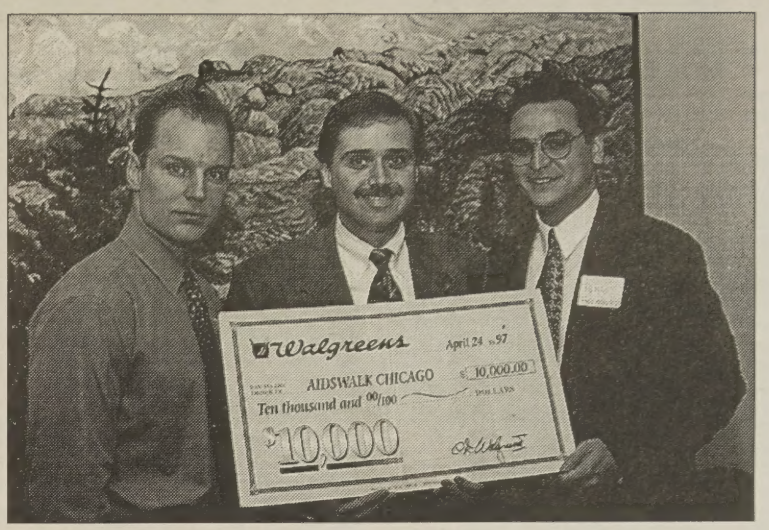

Spreading the Green Around

(From left) Scott Diveney, pharmacy manager, and Terry Johnson, district pharmacy supervisor of Walgreens, present a check for $10,000 to Pablo Hernandez, sponsorship and marketing director of AIDS Walk Chicago. Now in its eighth year, AIDS Walk Chicago has distributed more than $8 million in funds for AIDS programs and benefits 12 agencies, all of which provide a variety of services, programs and prevention education to people affected by HIV and AIDS. AIDS Walk Chicago will take place Sunday, Sept. 28.

Harbor Country Party To Benefit Lambda

Lambda Defense and Education Fund, the oldest and largest national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men and people with HIV and AIDS, will be the beneficiary of an upcoming lawn party in Three Oaks, Mich.

"Into the Woods," Aug. 9 at the Harbor Country home of Lambda board member Bob Ollis and his partner Richard Gibbons, will bring together Lambda supporters from Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

Special guests Lambda managing attorney Patricia Logue and AIDS Project staff attorney Heather Sawyer will speak about Lambda's current projects in the Midwest. This past year, Lambda defended anti-discrimination laws in Lansing, Lafayette and Cincinnati and represented Gerry Crane and Jamie Nabozny in their fights for equal treatment in their schools. Lambda has also worked on behalf of HIV-positive employees facing discrimination in Kalamazoo, Evansville and Chicago, as well as gay and lesbian parents seeking custody of their children.

Bloomingdale's Event Will Raise Funds For BEHIV

Better Existence With HIV (BEHIV) will be one of the beneficiaries of Bloomingdale's upcoming multi-charity event, "The Shopping Benefit," 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Aug. 27.

Benefit guests at Bloomingdale's Old Orchard Center and North Michigan Avenue locations will receive 15 percent in storewide savings, an opportunity to win a $1,000 Bloomingdale's shopping spree and other prizes. Admission to the benefit is $10, with all ticket proceeds benefiting the participating charities.

The event is projected to raise more than $130,000 to support the work of the 60 participating charities.

BEHIV is one of the few Chicago area AIDS agencies that combines both direct services and prevention education programs.

Stop AIDS Moves to North Halsted Street

Stop AIDS, a subsidiary of Howard Brown Health Center that offers city-wide HIV prevention services, will relocate from its Lakeview office to 3641 N. Halsted beginning Aug. 1.

The Lakeview center has been housed at 909 W. Belmont since 1992. Stop AIDS has two other sites, on Western Avenue and on 75th Street.

Through its centers, Stop AIDS provides safer-sex kits, condom distribution, support groups and individual HIV counseling.

Greater Chicago Committee Plans Program Expansion

The Greater Chicago Committee recently announced plans to expand its HIV prevention programs following a grant from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

The organization will add prevention case management to its outreach component, which utilizes community volunteers called Rubber Brothers and SASS (Sisters Advocating Safer Sex).

With the addition of prevention case management, individuals now being served by the outreach programs will also have access to a variety of services and referrals, including direct-care case management, housing, substance abuse, mental health, counseling and testing.

The Greater Chicago Committee plans to continue the expansion of its prevention programs through collaborations with agencies and organizations that serve communities of color.

For more information, call the GCC health line at (312) 661-9153.

Registration Packets for Gay Games V Now Available

Team Chicago recently announced that registration information and packets are now available for individuals and teams planning to participate in athletics or cultural events associated with the Gay Games V, Aug. 1-8, 1998, in Amsterdam.

Gay Games V will consist of more than 30 official sports, ranging from ballroom dancing and chess to volleyball and windsurfing. In addition, a series of cultural events and exhibits will be planned in conjunction with the games.

Team Chicago is recommending that persons planning to attend Gay Games make travel arrangements as soon as possible. Organizers expect accommodations in Amsterdam to sell out very quickly.

Individuals interested in learning more about Gay Games V should attend the next meeting of Team Chicago, 4 p.m. Aug. 24 at Ann Sather, 929 W. Belmont.

For more information, call (312) 409-5155 or http://teamchicago.uchicago.edu/teamchicago.html. Gay Games V information can also be found at http://www.dds.nl/~gaygames.

Free, Confidential HIV Testing Site Opens

The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) HIV Testing Program will provide confidential and free HIV testing from 5-8 p.m. every Wednesday at Hunter's nightclub beginning Aug. 6.

Timothy Pilcher, CCDPH HIV prevention specialist, says many of the men tested at Hunter's will probably be testing for the first time. "A large proportion of gay men have never been tested for HIV—even though most of us know we have been at risk at one time or another," Pilcher said. "Testing is becoming even more important because new treatments for HIV, if used early enough, show promise for helping many men live longer, healthier lives."

The new test site continues a program of proactive HIV prevention services that the CCDPH offers to the suburban gay community.

In addition to providing condoms and outreach to suburban gay clubs via the SHOut (Suburban Health Outreach) Program, CCDPH provides HIV testing at Ultimate Oz in Forest Park on Friday afternoons.

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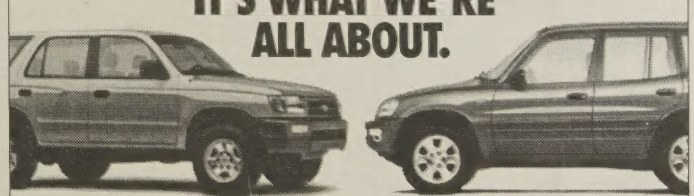

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be answered.

But beyond "guilty or innocent?" and the obvious mysteries that remain for criminologists and investigators, there are questions in the Cunanan case significant to the gay and lesbian community.

Foremost is the question of why these crimes and Cunanan's flight so captivated America, inspiring such a furious hunt for the fugitive. Was it the unquestionable horror of the crimes Cunanan is suspected of committing, or something else?

Several of the FBI's other "most wanted criminals" are alleged terrorists and convicted murders—men such as Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, 41, and Abdel Basset Ali Al-Megrahi, both wanted for participation in the 1988 Pan Am Flight 103 bombing, in which 270 people died, and Mir Aimal Kansi, 33, wanted for shooting five people outside CIA Headquarters in Langley, Va. But many Americans would be hard pressed to name these suspects or their alleged crimes, though the FBI considers all of them armed, extremely dangerous and at least as threatening as Cunanan was.

So why did the Cunanan case so intoxicate America? There are some who believe homophobia was a factor.

"The sensationalism fed into the stereotypes about gay men," said Christine Quinn of the New York City Anti-Violence Project. "That [Cunanan] was a hustler feeding on older gay men, that all gay men do is have sex, that the suspect may have had AIDS."

Beyond the sensational components, some believe the case so engrossed America because Cunanan "crossed the line from killing gay people for revenge and started killing innocent bystanders," as *America's Most Wanted* host John Walsh said with malice.

Though Quinn objected to Walsh's implication that the gay victims in this case were not innocent, she did support his assessment of why Cunanan became America's most wanted man.

"The victims extended outside the gay community to affluent and prominent people," she said.

To Quinn and other activists, the search for Cunanan was not simply about bringing a fugitive to justice or curbing violence in America.

In a statement released July 24, Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, said, "The problem of violence in America does not end with the suicide of Andrew Cunanan. . . . The terror of Cunanan is gone, but the problem of violence in America remains."

Photo: JASON SMITH

Flanked by local news cameramen, Toni Carrigan, of Horizons Community Services Anti-Violence Project, discusses the Cunanan case at a press conference last week.

Specifically, Birch said she is concerned about the rise in crimes against gays and lesbians.

While Cunanan's alleged killing spree ended last week, five serial killers responsible for the deaths of at least 30 gay men in recent years remain at large, according to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs.

These killings barely registered in the national press and never attracted the powerful law enforcement attention that brought the Cunanan case to a close. In each case, the FBI has declined to get involved.

"That these men remain at large, some since 1992, speaks to the enormity of work that needs to be done both in terms of the larger issue of law enforcement's capture of serial killers targeting our community, as well as our more specific question of whether or not law enforcement agencies across the country understand the gravity of crime and murder when it involves lesbian and gay individuals," Quinn said.

Gerardo Montemayor, a victim's advocate with Horizons Community Services Anti-Violence Project (AVP) in Chicago, last week said he wanted to see law enforcement officials expend the same effort on the serial slayings that they'd spent on the Cunanan case.

"In the future, it would be our expectation that the FBI and other law enforcement agencies are just as diligent in finding homicidal predators on the gay community as they were with Cunanan," Montemayor said.

Montemayor's colleague, AVP director Toni Carrigan, added that members of the coalition of anti-violence projects plan to meet with U.S. Justice Department and White House officials to discuss the federal role in preventing and prosecuting crimes against gays.

"We all have a role to play," she said. "If we can all work together, create a sense of cooperation, we can do our jobs. . . . There are serial killers of gay men still at large. At least five African-American men have been killed in the D.C. area to date and there's been no closure there. A dozen gay men have been killed in Chesapeake, Va., and there's been no closure there."

Many anti-violence advocates characterized their reaction to media coverage of the Cunanan case as "frustrated." Carrigan said coverage "supported basic, unfounded stereotypes of the lesbian and gay community."

She found media references to Cunanan as a "gay serial killer" and "homicidal homosexual" alarming, given that few media reports refer to other suspects as "homicidal heterosexuals" or "straight serial killers."

"There've been definite problems," Carrigan said of the media's portrayal of Cunanan. "'Homicidal homosexual,' it's a great buzzword and it sounds catchy, but he was much more than that."

Also disturbing, Carrigan said, was the presentation of Versace and the people in his life. World-renowned for his work, the designer became "a known homosexual" in some media accounts. And although Versace's partner cradled his lover in his arms moments after the shooting, the media took little notice of Antonio D'Amico's existence.

"A major part of [Versace's] life was ignored," Carrigan said.

As for the lasting consequences of the Cunanan case, gay rights advocates expect negative repercussions for the gay and lesbian community.

To date, the religious right organizations that condemn homosexuality have refrained from linking the Cunanan case to the gay rights movement. Radical far right elements such as the Lord of the Rings, however, have suggested that the tragedy is God's work, retribution for violating Leviticus 20:13.

"There's a fringe population that will use anything it can against our community," Carrigan warned. "Some of it will be subtle and some of it will be more blatant."

Still At Large

While the nation focused on the capture of Andrew Phillip Cunanan last week, at least five serial killers, responsible for the deaths of 30 gay men, remained at large. Anti-violence advocates charge that their—and their victims—have been ignored, forgotten or dismissed.

- Police believe a serial killer is responsible for the deaths of at least 11 men in the Chesapeake, Va., area. In nearly all the deaths, the killer strangled his victims and then dumped the nude bodies by the side of a rural road.
- At least six men in the New York City area have been killed since 1991. In each death, the killer dismembered the victim and placed body parts in garbage bags later discovered at highway rest stops
- Anti-violence advocates in Denver believe one person is responsible for the stabbing deaths of four gay men since 1992.
- In Texas, police suspect a serial killer is responsible for the deaths of at least two men, Leopoldo Quintanilla and Larry Leggett in 1994. Both bodies were found in the Irving, Texas, area with more than a dozen stab wounds. Quintanilla's throat and genitals were slashed.
- In the Washington, D.C., area, activists believe one person is responsible for the deaths of five men. Though authorities have not officially linked the deaths, there are similarities—the men were African-American, gay and frequent patrons of the Bachelor's Mill, a nightclub in Washington's Capital Hill neighborhood. Evidence in each of the killings also suggests that the victims knew their assailant.

In addition, anti-violence advocates believe a serial killer is responsible for the shooting deaths of 15 transgendered people over the past nine years. Authorities say they have no leads in this case.

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ACGLI itself. The commission is in disarray after operating without a director since McKeon stepped down last August to run for the legislature. Currently seven of the commission's 21 seats are unfilled.

"I think when you don't have a paid staff person, and you're used to having one, you're going to lose ground," Morten says.

Morten hopes to fill ACGLI's vacancies by recruiting from communities that have been underrepresented in the past. She wants to attract more people of color and people from various socio-economic groups. This, she says, will help the community "to really move forward in relation to race and class issues."

In prior positions, Morten's proven highly successful at reaching out to disenfranchised populations. "I'm a bridge-builder," she says. "As an activist, I've had to help people understand how they are affected by issues in other communities. Coalition-building is something I've done for years."

As the first African-American president of Chicago NOW, for example, Morten gave a voice to racial minorities and lesbians within that organization by establishing Women of Color and Lesbian Rights committees. As a member of the mayor's task force on home occupation, she helped to organize home-based entrepreneurs and get their input on city policies that impact them professionally.

Morten's penchant for bringing people together could prove to be her most valuable skill as ACGLI chair. McKeon told *Windy City Times* last year that the role requires the ability to serve two bosses who are frequently pitted on opposite sides of the issues: the Daley administration and the lesbian and gay community. Success is only attainable by building relationships of trust with both groups, he said—a task that at times stretched thin his legendary powers of diplomacy.

Morten believes that serving both of her new bosses will mean carefully "picking the battles" and "knowing when to back off and when to push." Like McKeon, she's a pragmatist: "Sometimes you have to take it in small steps, and we're too impatient," she says.

Appeasing the demands of community activists without ruffling the feathers of city officials is a challenge that Morten feels confident she can meet. Like McKeon, she knows her way around both City Hall and the gay community. She has served as a commissioner for the Chicago Commission on Human Relations and as chair of the commission's Advisory Council for Women. She also serves on the mayor's Task Force on Home Occupation.

Morten's involvement in the gay and lesbian community dates back to 1984, when she came out of the closet at 24. Her affiliations in the lesbian and gay community include Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays, Gerber-Hart Library, Horizons Community Services and Lesbigay Radio, where she is a popular on-air host.

During his four-plus years as chair of ACGLI, McKeon developed an excellent working relationship with the mayor, and, on that score, Morten already appears to have a head start. She goes into the position having already established a good relationship with Daley, with whom she's worked on several projects. At NOW, Morten used to brief the mayor concerning the organization's position on various issues.

Despite the many similarities between McKeon and Morten, however, the two activists differ markedly in style. McKeon is a quiet, soft-spoken man, and, in contrast, Morten is quite outgoing and demonstrative. Her words and ideas come tumbling forth with great animation.

Morten says she'll use her exuberance to "do a lot of public education. I want to demystify the council and really open it up to the community.

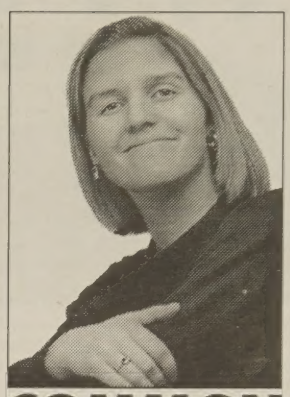
"The gay community has become complacent in many ways. I would like to see us re-energize. I'm really interested in getting people to become more excited and more active."

The Agenda

Mary Morten comes to ACGLI with an ambitious agenda. In addition to reaching out to minority communities, her priorities include:

- Monitoring the implementation of the city's domestic-partner ordinance.
- Educating gays and lesbians about the commission's role and how it can best serve the community.
- Ensuring ACGLI helps to safeguard women's reproductive rights.
- Forging political alliances with religious groups as well as organizations involved in immigration and welfare issues.
- Advocating for city AIDS funding and programs. (Morten lost her 42-year-old brother to the disease in 1990).

Sweet Vengeance?



COMMON LIFE

By Jennifer Vanasco

Watching the final hours of the Cunanan manhunt was a lot like watching the Los Angeles police chasing O.J.'s Ford Bronco. TV newscasters became sports commentators, alternating between giving us a tense, whispered play-by-play of the action ("I can see another FBI helicopter hovering overhead, Ted") and droning at the top of the hour, "Though speculations are running rampant, there are no new developments."

Yet I watched, riveted, and maybe you did, too. But why? Most of us never felt like we were in any danger from Cunanan—despite the Chicago murder of Lee Miglin—so we didn't need to keep track of his whereabouts for safety's sake. The media were fair both to Cunanan and to the gay community, so there was little need to count homophobic acts and words.

And Cunanan himself was not all that interesting. We knew too much about the guy for him to be a mystery—we saw his yearbook photo, heard testimonials from his parents, learned about the clubs he frequented. Most of us probably know more about Cunanan than we know about our neighbors. And his pattern of murders wasn't evidence of a brilliant, twisted mind, which is the kind of thing that tends to fascinate us about serial killers.

Instead, following the Cunanan story, especially after he allegedly killed Gianni Versace, was a lot like reading some sleazy summer paperback on the beach. It became murder as entertainment. We wondered where he would go next and who his next victim would be. And we wondered why.

In the end, the Cunanan story had nothing to do with him being gay or his living in the gay community. Cunanan could have been straight; he could have killed men or women, lovers, friends or rivals. That's not why we watched.

We watched because we love revenge.

Sometime after the third or fourth murder, criminal psychologists began defining Cu-nanan as a "spree killer," as opposed to a "serial killer." A serial killer is someone who commits ritualized murders as an expression of long-standing aberrant behavior. A spree killer is propelled by some personal crisis toward a violent climax. Cunanan's killing seems to have been prompted by his overwhelming desire to get revenge.

Americans revel in revenge stories. We read about them: Jackie Collins' novel *Vendetta* is on *The New York Times'* bestseller list. We watch them: The film *The First Wives Club*, about a trio of women getting the best of their ex-husbands, was so popular it made the cover of *Newsweek*. And we fantasize about them.

A friend of mine in college was so upset that she was cut from the crew team her first year, she scribbled a list of 100 things she could do to get revenge on the coach. Most of them were unrealistic (and illegal), like "set fire to his house" and "cut off certain vital parts of his anatomy." She didn't do any of them, but she sure felt better afterwards.

Just last weekend, I sat at my kitchen table scheming to get revenge on a particularly vicious neighbor. I wanted to be creative about it. I wanted to do something inventive and satisfying without being caught. So I thought about it for a while and finally figured out the most perfectly devious, malicious thing I could do—then let it drop. My desire for vengeance was satisfied without the need for action.

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Revenge fantasies give us power. By imagining ourselves gaining the upper hand over someone who has hurt us, we stop thinking of ourselves as victims and return to envisioning ourselves as agents of change. We believe that we have the ability to lift ourselves out of our situation and reverse it for the better.

And revenge stories—like *The First Wives Club* or like the story of Andrew Cunanan—give us that same vicarious thrill. We subconsciously think, "Yes! That's the exact same thing I would have done to so-and-so, if I had just been clever enough to think it up and brave enough to do it."

There is no harm in that. Of course we were fascinated by Cunanan. On the nightly news we were getting a daily taste of how sweet revenge could be. Oh, perhaps we would not have been as vicious (though the media tended to play down that part anyway), but we certainly would have been as thorough. Think about it, going from state to state bumping off people who had done you wrong. It would make a pretty exciting blockbuster movie, wouldn't it? And we'd all be rooting for the guy who was carrying his vengeance out.

It is when we stop fantasizing and start living revenge that it becomes dangerous to others and ourselves. We don't know who had wronged Cunanan or why; we don't know if someone did give him AIDS, or if there was some other reason for his spree. But by acting purely on his vengeful instincts, Cunanan was wrong.

No matter how satisfying revenge fantasies may be, there is no excuse for carrying them out. We feel vengeful when we feel angry, hurt and powerless, which are not ideal conditions for making rational decisions. Cunanan probably carried out his revenge because he thought his life was over. But it turns out that his life ended because he committed his terrible acts of revenge.

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Aug. 1 - Aug. 7
AT A GLANCE

Fri. **Performance artist Federico Hewson** explores the search for a spiritual gay identity in *Return of the Galli!*, part of the Nights of the Blue Rider Sexfest, 7 p.m. tonight at Blue Rider Theatre, 1822 S. Halsted. For more information, call (312) 733-4668.

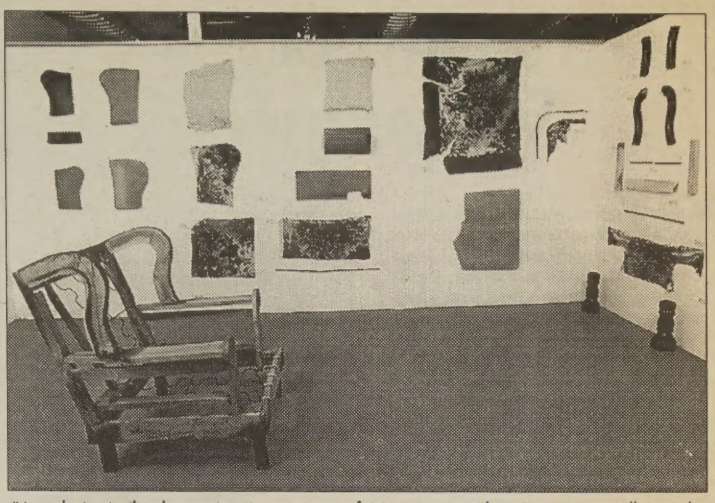
Sat. Gay and lesbian tennis players from around the country will participate in the eighth annual **Chicago International Indoor Tennis Classic**, the Midwest's only gay and lesbian tennis tournament, all day today and throughout the weekend at Midtown Tennis Club, 2020 W. Fullerton. Spectators are invited, free of charge.

Sun. More than 4,000 athletes are expected to brave the heat in the **Mrs. T's 1997 Chicago Triathlon**, beginning at 6:15 a.m. today at Monroe Harbor. Tri-Women Chicago and the Chicago Smelts sponsor a "Rainbow Picnic" after the race, 3 p.m. on the point north of the inlet to Belmont Harbor. For more information, call the Mrs. T's hotline at (773) 404-2372 or the Smelts line at (312) 409-4974.

Tue. **Lambda Literary award-winning Chicago mystery writer Mark Richard Zubro** will be on hand for a party celebrating the release of his new book, *The Truth Can Get You Killed*, 7:30 p.m. tonight at Unabridged Bookstore, 3251 N. Broadway. For more information, call (773) 883-9119.

Book Drive

St. Peter's Church, 621 W. Belmont, seeks books (especially hardbound) for its annual book sale, scheduled for Aug. 16-17 during the Northalsted Street Fair. Proceeds will help fund the renovation of St. Peter's parish house, a facility used by community organizations, such as Alanon, AA, a Hispanic soccer club and basketball for neighborhood youth. Donations may be dropped off during office hours, 9 a.m.-noon. For more information, call (773) 525-0844.



"Armchair Archeology: An Assessment of Normative Behavior," an installation by Chicago artist Meg Rowe, is on display through Aug. 31 in the windows of Gerber/Hart Library, 3352 N. Paulina. For more information, call (773) 883-3003.

LISTINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Cafe Pride, Chicago's under-age coffee bar, meets tonight from 8 p.m.-midnight in the basement of Holy Covenant Church, 925 W. Diversey. For more information, call (773) 278-2438.

Integrity/Chicago, an Episcopal lesbian and gay ministry, meets for liturgy and social gathering at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Evanston. For more information, call (773) 348-6362.

Men of All Colors Together meets at 7:30 p.m. at Ann Sather, 929 W. Belmont. For more information, call (312) 409-6916.

Chicago Smelts and Tri-Women Chicago host an opening party for **Rainbow Triathalon Weekend**, a grouping of social events for athletes competing in the Mrs. T's Triathalon and their partners, 6:30 p.m. tonight at Girlbar, 2625 N. Halsted. For more information about any of the weekend's events call the Smelts hotline at (312) 409-4974.

Urban Art Retreat holds women-only rap sessions, 3-5 p.m. at the Communities of Women Art Show, 30 E. Adams, fourth floor.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Chicagoland Gay Pagans meet for a lammas ritual, 7 p.m. tonight at Rogers Avenue Beach, 7650 North. For more information, call (773) 262-5629.

Chicago Metro Area Gay Youth Coalition, a networking group for gay, lesbian and bisexual college and high school students, meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at l.net@cafe, 5243 N. Clark, second level. For more information, call (733) 728-6438.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago, a lesbian and gay running club, meets at 9 a.m. at the Totem Pole (Lake Shore and Addison). For more information, call (312) 409-2790.

Minority Outreach Intervention Project (MOIP) offers a discussion group for HIV-positive African-American men, 3-5 p.m. at 1579 N. Milwaukee. For more information, call (773) 276-2094.

Chicago Smelts and Tri-Women Chicago host a brunch as part of **Rainbow Triathalon Weekend**, a grouping of social events for athletes competing in the Mrs. T's Triathalon and their partners, 10:30 a.m. at Northcoast Cafe, 3613 N. Broadway. For more information, call the Smelts hotline at (312) 409-4974.

Smelts, Chicago's mostly lesbian and gay swim club, meets from 8:45-9:45 a.m. and from 9:45-11 a.m. at Gill Park, 825 W. Sheridan. For more information, call (312) 409-4974.

Westside Lesbigay Support Group for youth (13-18) meets from 1-3:30 p.m.; for family and friends, from 3:30-6 p.m. All groups meet at Harriet Tubman Place, 5901 W. Fulton. Call (773) 626-1443.

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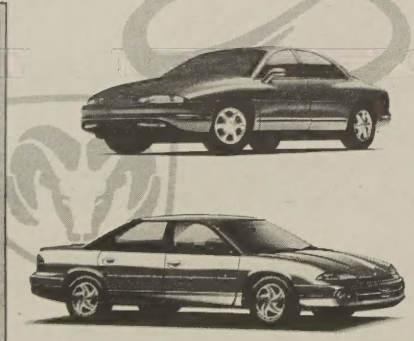

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The Women's Program at Howard Brown Health Center, 945 W. George, offers Saturday clinics featuring pelvic and breast exams, pap smears and HIV testing, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call (773) 871-5777.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Archdiocesan Gay & Lesbian Outreach of Chicago (AGLO Chicago) celebrates mass and holds social hour at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 790 W. Belmont. Positive AGLO Coalition meets from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday at 711 W. Belmont. For information, call (773) 525-3872.

The **Church of the Holy Family**, 637 S. Dearborn, celebrates a mass of annointing and spiritual healing for those who struggle with the burdens of HIV/AIDS or any other forms of life-endangering illnesses or chronic illnesses, 1 p.m. today. For more information, call (773) 721-5383.

Dignity/Chicago celebrates mass and social hour at 7 p.m. at Broadway United Methodist Church, 3344 N. Broadway. Call (773) 296-0780.

The Euchre Club, a mostly gay and lesbian not-for-profit card-playing club, deals the cards at 6 p.m. at Hunter's, 1932 Higgins in Elk Grove Township. Call (312) 458-9010.

Good Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church, 615 W. Wellington, offers worship services at 7 p.m. as well as social and educational events. For more information, call (773) 472-8708.

The Hinsdale chapter of PFLAG meets from 2-4 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, 17 W. Maple in Hinsdale. Call (630) 968-9060.

Holy Covenant/MCC, 17 W. Maple in Hinsdale, holds services at 6 p.m. For more information, call (630) 325-8488.

Metropolitan Community Church of the Incarnation, 460 Lake in Oak Park, holds services at 11 a.m. For more information, call (708) 383-3033.

Professionals Over Thirty welcome guest speaker Ellen Meyers, liaison to the gay community from the Cook County State's Attorney's office, 6 p.m. tonight at Ann Sather, 929 W. Belmont. For more information, call (312) 409-1590.

Resurrection MCC, 5757 S. University, has worship services and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Call (773) 288-1535.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center provides a referral and resource hotline for youth with questions about sexuality, 3-5 p.m. weekly. For more information, call (708) 747-2701.

Better Existence With HIV (BEHIV) in Evanston hosts an open HIV support group for men with HIV and AIDS that meets at 6:30 p.m. Call (847) 475-2115.

The Fillmore Center, 1010 Lake in Oak Park, offers an ongoing support group for men ages 22-45 who are wondering if they might be gay, 7:30-9 p.m. For more information, call (708) 386-2100, ext. 7841.

The DuPage County Health Department sponsors **"Positively Negative,"** a support group that meets from 7-8:30 p.m. at the West Public Health Center, 111 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton. For more information, call (630) 682-7979, ext. 7310.

Pride Youth, a group for gay, lesbian, bi, straight and uncertain teenagers ages 13-18, meets from 6-9 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 1330 Ridge in Evanston. For more information, call (847) 441-9880.

The Smelts, Chicago's mostly lesbian and gay swim club, meets from 6-7:30 p.m. at Gill Park, 825 W. Sheridan. For more information, call (312) 409-4974.

Surviving With AIDS Network (SWAN) meets at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of AAHP, 11th fllor, 4753 N. Broadway. For more information, call (312) 409-8516.

Test Positive Aware Network, 1258 W. Belmont, hosts "Daytimers," an HIV/AIDS support group that meets at 10:30 a.m. Call (773) 404-TPAN.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Chi-Town Squares, a gay and lesbian square dancing group, meets at 7:45 p.m. at Ebenezer Church, 1650 W. Foster. For more information, call (312) 357-3100.

The Barnes & Noble Gay/Lesbian Reading Group meets at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Barnes & Noble, 659 W. Diversey. Call (773) 871-9025.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago, a lesbian and gay running club, meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Totem Pole (Lake Shore and Addison). Call (312) 409-2790.

The Healing Circle, a spiritual awareness group for the gay and lesbian community, meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Ann Sather, 929 W. Belmont. For more information about the group, call (773) 784-3112.

Howard Brown Health Center's PWA Support Group meets from 6-7:30 p.m. and **PWA Significant Other/Caregiver Support Group** meets from 6-7:30 p.m. Call (773) 871-5777.

The Roundhouse Pinochle Club meets at 7:30 p.m. For location and information, call (312) 409-3286.

Gerber Hart Library sponsors a **Men's Book Discussion Group,** 7:30-9 p.m. at the library, 3352 N. Paulina. For more information, call (773) 883-3003.

Smelts, Chicago's mostly lesbian and gay swim club, meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Gill Park, 825 W. Sheridan. For more information, call (312) 409-4974.

The Stonewall Group, a support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual adults, meets from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays at Linden Oaks Hospital, 850 West St. in Naperville. For more information, call (630) 305-5170.

Stop AIDS hosts Keep it Up!, a group for men to support each other to stay safe, 7 p.m. at 909 W. Belmont. Call (773) 871-3300. South Shore Stop AIDS groups meet at 1718 E. 75th. For more information, call (773) 752-7867.

Westside Lesbigay Support Group for Adults (18-25) meets from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Harriet Tubman Place, 5901 W. Fulton. For more information, call (773) 626-1443.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Better Existence With HIV (BEHIV) in Andersonville hosts "It's Positive to Be Negative," a gathering for HIV-negative gay and bisexual men, 7:30-9 p.m. For more information, call (773) 907-9412.

A Bisexual Men's Support/Discussion Group meets at Stop AIDS, 909 W. Belmont. All ages, races and ethnicities are welcome. Men only. For more information, call the Chicagoland Bisexual Network at (312) 458-0983.

The Euchre Club of Chicago, a mostly gay and lesbian not-for-profit card-playing club, deals the cards at 7:30 p.m at Big Chicks, 5024 N. Sheridan. For more information, call (773) 458-9010.

Howard Brown Health Center's PWA Significant Other/Caregiver Support Group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. Call (773) 871-5777.

North Lakeshore Gay & Lesbian Community Organization meets at 7:30 p.m. For location, special GLC events and more information, call the GLC hotline at (312) 409-8608.

The Smelts, Chicago's mostly lesbian and gay swim club, meets from 6-7:30 p.m. at Gill Park, 825 W. Sheridan, For more information, call (312) 409-4974.

Test Positive Aware Network, 1258 W. Belmont, hosts "HIV Basics," 7:30 p.m., and "Beyond Basics," 7:30-9 p.m. Call (773) 404-TPAN.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

ACT UP Chicago meets at 7 p.m. at Ann Sather, 929 W. Belmont. Call (773) 509-6802.

Berlin, 954 W. Belmont, and Test Positive Aware Network host an HIV-positive cocktail hour from 6-10 p.m. For more information, call (773) 404-8726.

Chi-Town Squares, a gay and lesbian square dancing group, meets at 7:45 p.m. at Ebenezer Church, 1650 W. Foster. For more information, call (312) 357-3100.

Howard Brown Health Center's PWA Support Group meets from 1:30-3 p.m. For more information, call (773) 871-5777.

Minority Outreach Intervention Project, 1579 N. Milwaukee, offers a support group for Latino men that meets from 7-9 p.m. For more information, call (773) 276-2094.

The Naperville Stonewall Group, a self-help support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual adults, meets from 6:30-8 p.m. at the DuPage Unitarian Church in Naperville. For more information, call (630) 778-6468.

Pride Youth, a group for gay, lesbian, bi, straight and uncertain teenagers ages 13-18, meets from 6-9 p.m. at the Unitarian Church in Palatine, 1025 Smith. For more information, call (847) 441-9880.

Prism Youth Network, a drop-in center for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth aged 14-20, meets from 6:30-9 p.m. at 1145 Westgate in Oak Park. For more information, call (708) 386-3463.

The Smelts, Chicago's mostly lesbian and gay swim club, meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Gill Park, 825 W. Sheridan. For more information, call (312)409-4974.

Test Positive Aware Network, 1258 W. Belmont, hosts "Daytimers," an HIV/AIDS support group at 10:30 a.m., and "HIV-Positive Gay Men of African Descent" at 7 p.m. For more information, call (773) 404-TPAN.

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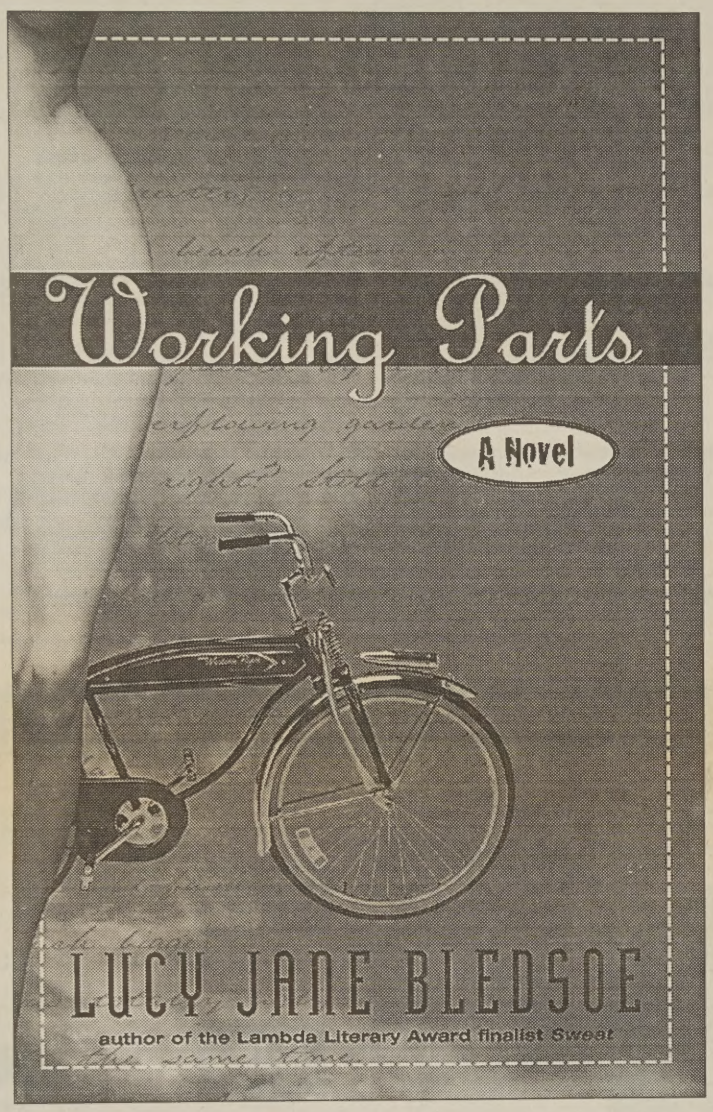
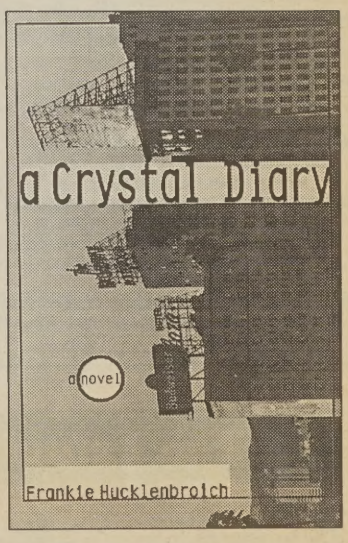
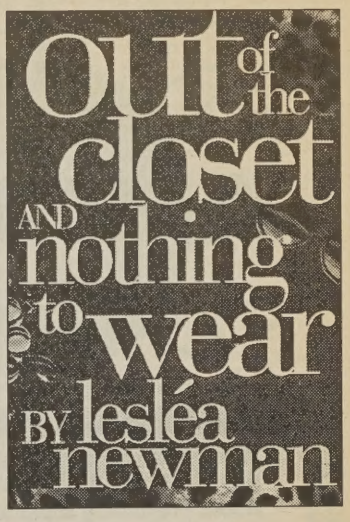
Serious Pleasures

This summer's lesbian fiction embraces the burden of history

By Etelka Lehoczky







TRUTH-TELLERS: A choice selection of this summer's books by lesbian authors.

THE pressures of herstory are manifold. How do you write—and live—when your experience as a lesbian is continually drowned out by all things mainstream? When you know that without a heroic effort on your part and others', not to mention a generous helping of luck, neither your words nor your deeds are likely to outlive you?

The lesbian writer continually confronts this dilemma. She knows that her writing must function, not just as a stimulating diversion, but as a primary text in an anthropology of lesbian life. As a result, virtually all lesbian fiction is deeply, almost obsessively concerned with truthfulness. Form, plot, sometimes even characterization take a back seat to a minute cataloguing of *how it was:* the precise texture of the velvet banquettes at a '50s-era L.A. dyke bar; the smoky gray of the first men's suit you ever dared to wear; the oh-so-slight curl in a long-ago ex-girlfriend's hair.

Often, this can result in what anxiously "serious" male writers categorize as escapism. Much of our fiction seems at first glance to be written for a spoiled, Epicurean bunch addicted to experience over analysis. Our words overflow with luxurious textures and tastes, and frequently all action stops to let that overflowing occur. In Diana Simmonds' *Forty Love* (Naiad Press, 274 pp., $11.95) our introduction to the two main characters is mingled with a precise description of an Australian beach house ("its weathered, silver-gray galvanized iron roof and pale green painted but peeling weatherboard walls"), the characters' clothes ("her black silk quilted warm-up jacket and hand-painted . . . black leather motorcycle jacket") and dinner ("she'd chopped garlic, chili and ginger and mixed them into pungent dark hoisin sauce . . . By seven-thirty, the coals in the barbecue were shimmering, powdery white-edged and perfect. Eliot had uncorked a bottle of well-chilled white burgundy").

This is rich writing, to be sure, but it's not empty self-indulgence. Lesbians are barely capable of such a thing. When we write luxuriously, it's a way of building a bulwark against horrors we know all too well. Straight readers usually miss this consensual silence, which structures many lesbian films as well as books. Reviewers of *The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love* caviled at its "forced" happy ending; what they didn't realize was that for every lesbian watching the film, that ending was a badly needed extravagance. We know all too well what usually happens to lesbians in high school. That dark knowledge made the film's *deus ex machina* audacious.

Of course, there are many times when the grim truth must be recorded, and we don't flinch from it. Sometimes, though, an artist finds a near-perfect balance, both between fiction and truth and between luxury and reality. This balance is but one of the quiet triumphs of Lucy Jane Bledsoe's *Working Parts* (Seal Press, 195 pp., $12.00). A Lambda Literary Award finalist for her last offering, *Sweat: Stories and a Novella*, Bledsoe is a writer and editor of many years' experience. Her mastery of her craft is gracefully evident at every level of *Working Parts*. The book breathes a subtle, yet instantly recognizable, force: that of a skilled author exerting perfect control over her material.

Bledsoe's tale of an illiterate bike mechanic's efforts to learn to read evades the dangers of empty inspirationalism and pat conclusions. Lori lives a pretty good life despite her disability; she's equally skilled at repairing busted sprockets and picking up girls. Beginning the task of literacy opens predictable vistas for her, but it also complicates her relationships and provokes her to act in ways the reader can't admire.

Bledsoe works her plot skillfully, using its central problem to illuminate and complicate a whole set of questions on the relationship between text and life. When Lori finally begins learning to read, it's exhilarating—not just because we want her to succeed, but because her slow-dawning comprehension reawakens our wonder at the magic of words.

"A breeze came through the window, reminding me of that day at the coast last

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fall when I had seen the artichoke plant and peregrine falcon. The words that [reading teacher] Dierdre Felix read seemed to get lifted on the breeze and carried out the window. They had an energy, those words, like . . . dancers' bodies, a flow, a swishing. And I thought: I am learning to read. No one knew but me, not even Dierdre Felix, but I realized in that moment that I really was learning. Reading was not words and books. It was movement, rhythm. Waves of energy between me and the world."

Bledsoe's real-life experience as a literacy tutor has clearly done far more than provide her with personalities and plot. It's provoked her to look at books from the ground up, assessing their value in everyday life. Lori begins learning to read in order to make sense of requisition forms, catalogs and bills. In maneuvering her from this prosaic need to a recognition of the transcendence books offer, Bledsoe does what few intellectuals could: She incarnates an unstated, yet unanswerable, justification for the reflective life.

The overlap between reality and fiction is even clearer in two of the summer's other notable books. Here, again, the herstory problem can be seen: Though they both claim the mantle of fiction, neither Frankie Hucklenbroich's *A Crystal Diary* (Firebrand Books, 238 pp., $12.95) nor Lesléa Newman's *Out of the Closet and Nothing to Wear* (Alyson Publications, 189 pp., $10.95) are purely fictional. Both are motivated by the tacit or explicit desire to provide grist for an anthropology of ourselves.

This tendency is particularly visible in *A Crystal Diary* because the world it sketches—that of a street butch in the period from the mid-1940s to the 1970s—is in such grave danger of being forgotten. The first-person anecdotes of Hucklenbroich's main character, Nicky, are alternately chilling and comfortable. Nicky grows up in an old-fashioned city neighborhood that's cozy to the point of claustrophobia; before she's 10 she sees a dykey woman summarily banished from the block. Nicky follows the rebel's trail, striking out for somewhere she can be herself. In the course of 30 years those somewheres include San Diego, where she and a friend "roll" tourists for money; Las Vegas, where she wrestles a lion; and L.A., where she dates a porn-model femme and, when dressed in a skirt for a job interview, is nearly arrested by a cop who thinks she's a drag queen.

Then there's San Francisco, where she gets hooked on crystal. Written in stunted English, the "Crystal Diary" chapter recalls—and sometimes even exceeds—William S. Burroughs' *Junky* stories. And like the rest of *A Crystal Diary*, it displays a masterful sense of control. Hucklenbroich's jacket biography notes that she "pursued a wild and predominantly illegal life as a street butch for twenty years" and only got a college degree sometime after 1980. That her writing should have such a short history and unconventional pedigree makes its virtuosity all the more dazzling. The easy lyricism of Hucklenbroich's prose makes even her grittiest stories sizzle with page-turning momentum. And when the momentum peaks, it takes flight into rhapsody—as when Nicky tells of wrestling the lion. It was just a baby, but after rolling around with it she found that her jacket was torn.

"My shirt would also be torn. My T-shirt, too. My arm would be bruised black and stiff and painful for weeks. But at that moment, looking across the yard at the caged lion . . . I knew that I had been privileged to briefly touch a wildness with my hands. . . . I thought of the wrinkled calluses on the backs of his legs. I felt as though I had been sleeping, as though I had woken from a long coma only to see a creature strong and beautiful, pure of malice, innocent in power, and forgotten by the heart of god—whose dirty work we humans always do."

Lesléa Newman's latest book occupies a narrower world than Hucklenbroich's: that of the comfortably well-off, late-'90s lesbian couple. It also encompasses a narrower aim. Rather than trying to explain, convince or chronicle, Newman's unabashed goal is simply to entertain.

Not that there's anything simple about really good entertainment. It's a measure of Newman's skill that she manages to make it look easy. In vignettes like "Do or Dye," "The Butch That I Marry" and "PMS: Please Menstruate *Soon!*" she and her butch lover Flash squabble, shop, keep house and entertain friends—and make it all funny. In "Nail Call!" Newman—a long-avowed femme—tries to gracefully avoid her straight manicurist's hetero-centric questions, only to see the woman's eyes pop out when Flash shows up:

"'Buff, this is Flash,' I said.

"Buff shook her head as if she were coming out of a trance and walked toward Flash, her cleavage leading the way, her hips swaying from side to side. 'How do you do?' she asked in a husky voice. I was tempted to scratch her eyes out, but my nails weren't quite dry."

Out of the Closet and Nothing to Wear sparkles with nuggets like this one. True to its title, it's a comfortably post-political romp; the direst dilemma its narrator faces is whether or not to purchase a 28th pair of black shoes. But Newman isn't apolitical. She savors her petty dilemmas with the bliss of one who knows precisely how lucky she is.

Out of the Closet is charged with the same giddy cheer that drove *Two Girls In Love*—and that drives much dyke fiction. Whether these stories are lighthearted or serious, they're tinged with joy—a sense of celebration stemming from the knowledge that it could be worse, much worse than this.

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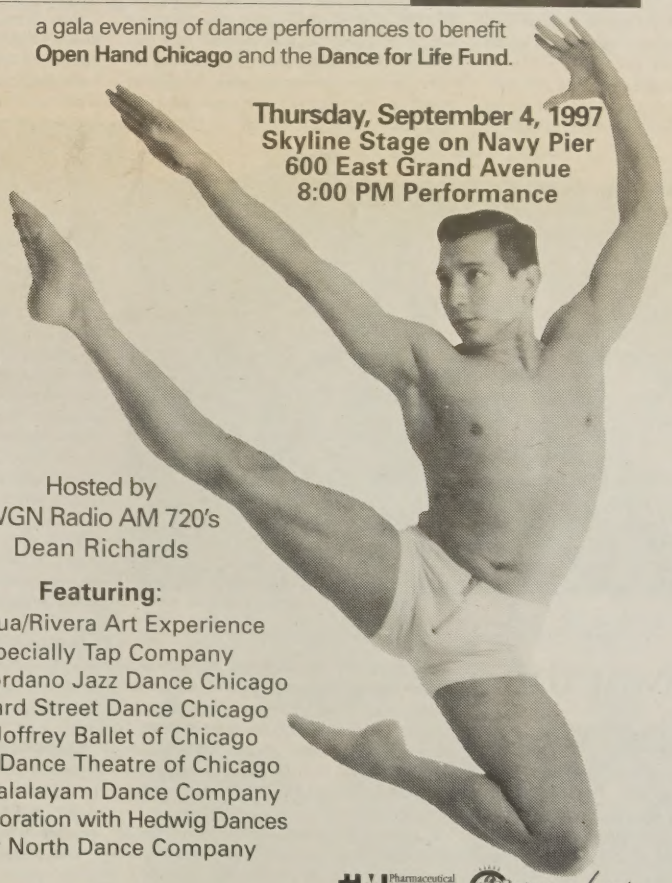

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Chicago

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By Lawrence Bommer

It's a sardonic case of art-mutilates-life: Obba Babatunde, who plays Billy Flynn, the press-wheedling lawyer in this sexy-strutting, Tony-winning revival of *Chicago*, exactly recalls Johnnie Cochran at his ingratiating worst.

Well, everything old *is* new again. Maurine Watkins' original play (an amoral companion to *The Front Page*, its equally cynical contemporary) took its inspiration from a true crime. The time is 1926, when a shyster flim-flams a credulous jury with "razzle dazzle." Following acquittal, Chicago murderesses Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly—former rivals turned reluctant partners—enjoy brief vaudeville glory at, among many venues, our old McVickers Theatre. Then "Chicago's killer-dillers" sink into the obscurity that was interrupted by two unpunished slayings.

Photo: Carol Rosegg/Joan Marcus

Chicago

Theater

Forget the Jazz Age backdrop: This "drop dead" musical is as cunningly current as a Menendez trial. The target for Kander and Ebb's wicked 1975 musical, vibrantly restored in Walter Bobbie's streamlined staging, is phony celebrities, a prurient press that wallows in the vices it pretends to scorn, a bottom-feeding public who prefer killers to victims and the cynical credo that showbiz sucks on somebody else's sorrow.

Add to these parallels that of the tabloid/talk-show penchant for forgiving confessional criminals who plead for pity over punishment, and the world of *Chicago* is no less obscene than the spectacle of O.J. Simpson on a golf course.

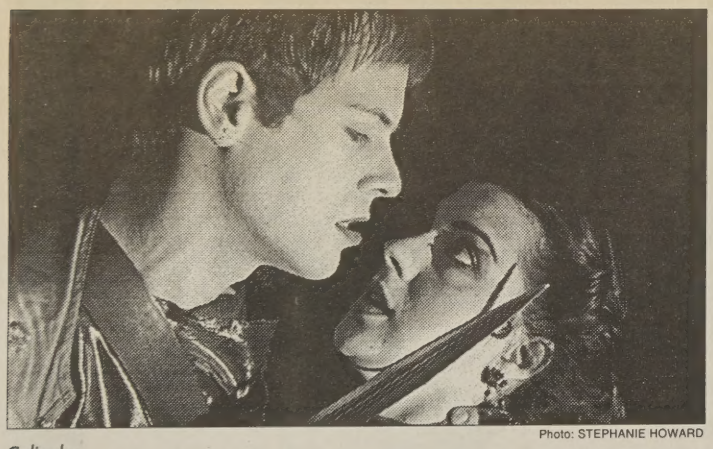
Told as vaudeville (with the 20 songs depicting "acts of desperation"), *Chicago* moves a lot faster than justice. Set inside gold frames (the inner one enclosing the first-rate band, the outer the in-your-face stage action), the hit-and-run scenes shake and shimmy. Stripped of sets (who needs a chandelier or helicopter with songs like these?), Bobbie focuses on the song-and-dance glories that Bob Fosse bequeathed to Ebb's infectious score and that Anne Reinking lovingly reconstructs.

I treasure the memory of seeing Gwen Verdon and Chita Rivera in a touring production at the old Blackstone Theatre in 1978, as well as the late Michael Barto's 1994 Prologue Theatre revival. But this fiercely concentrated second coming invents its own showbiz heaven. Supple as panthers, the silky-smooth, superbly conditioned cast slink through "All That Jazz" till the theater risks meltdown. "Razzle Dazzle," spiced with a shower of silver sequins, a mirror globe and a descending bank of backlights, amounts to a Broadway orgasm.

At the vortex of Reinking's carnivorous, bump-and-grind choreography is four-star bravura work. Jasmine Guy's sassy Velma is hilarious as half a dance team in her frenzied "I Can't Do It Alone." Remorselessly blonde, Charlotte d'Amboise turns Roxie Hart into a lethal mix of Jean Harlow and Leona Helmsley. Babatunde has contagious fun swaggering among simpering, feather-fanning chorines in "All I Care About," and Carol Woods, as a Cook County dominatrix-matron, tears the soul from her ragtime anthem "When You're Good To Mama."

Ron Orbach is suitably self-effacing as Roxie's nebbish husband Amos and M.E. Spencer's memorably toxic depiction of a sob-sister reporter is as deceptive as her crime stories.

Chicago's summer just got a lot hotter.



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Caligula

Lonely at the Bottom

Caligula

Playwright: Albert Camus
At: Defiant Theatre at Griffin Theatre
Price: $10, $12 **Run:** Through Aug. 24
Phone: (312) 357-3461

By Lawrence Bommer

Like Andrew Cunanan, a monster who spits on life with every killing, the Roman emperor Caligula ground his namesake "little boot" in the face of Rome. For Albert Camus, grappling in 1938 with the Nazi menace, Caligula offered an apt example of a dire paradox: The tyrant who claims total freedom through his power to kill becomes a slave to "the impossible." His cruelties cut him off, place him beyond law and life and eventually make him meaningless.

Enraged that "Men die and they are not happy," and unhinged by the death of his lover/sister Drusilla, the young emperor resolves to "follow his ideas to the end." The one "free man" in the world, this schizophrenic signals his contempt for life by dedicating himself to "the equality of death."

Camus repeats the outrages chronicled by Suetonius, namely the capricious murders of friends and strangers. Suffering from "a disease that is fatal to others only," Caligula orders Romans to will their money to the state—and, like Kevorkian, helps them to untimely deaths. He forces them to prove their patriotism by patronizing a brothel serviced by patrician wives. Not content to play fate, he also plays a nude Venus—and executes anyone who stints on praise. He kills his faithful Caesonia just to prove he can.

In his hubris, Caligula intends to marry the moon—anything to escape the weightlessness of this massive renunciation of responsibility. Inevitably, he dies, at 29, at the hands of disgusted Praetorian Guards.

Sturdy but not stirring, Defiant Theatre's revival isn't certain whether to portray Caligula as a willful child or a perverse philosopher. With similar ambivalence, director Richard Ragsdale (who co-staged the theater's celebrated *Ubu Raw*) imagines Caligula's victims as disposable cartoon characters. The reduction robs them of the humanity that Camus knew would fuel resistance to the despot: Caligula's grotesquely managed poetry "slam" is wicked satire, but his darker deeds seem perfunctory.

Tackling the unforgiving title role, Christopher Johnson makes a confident and creepy serial killer. But he's got to dig deeper into the character's contradictions to unlock the complexity Camus intended. Here's a man who can organize a famine but refuses to engage in three wars in order to make his own predations look restrained. Johnson misses the manic malevolence cloaking Caligula's self-disgust.

Surrounding Johnson's thinking psychopath are pancake-faced avatars who never quite grow beyond the statues they depict in the opening tableau. It's not the gender-switching that fails to convince—it's the tentativeness of performances that never quite ignite the characters' philosophical conflicts or delight in the decadence that defines them.

If Linda Gillurn plays devoted Caesonia with opportunistic zeal and Amy Wilhoite is touching as a poet who stands up to evil, Sean Sinitski, as the straight-talking soldier who finally defies Caligula, stiffly depicts Caligula's most principled opponent.

Stephen Cruse's marbleized set pieces provide flexible scene changes, and his scrim neatly silhouettes the more exotic—or horrendous—doings.

Midsummer Magic

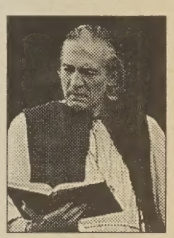
The Tempest

Playwright: William Shakespeare
At: First Folio Shakespeare Festival at the Peabody Estate in Oak Brook
Price: $18
Run: August 17
Phone: (630) 986-8067

By Mary Shen Barnidge

If *Hamlet* and *King Lear* pose the greatest challenge to actors, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to designers, then surely *The Tempest* is the test of a director's mettle. With its four distinct storylines, this sprawling tale of fancy and philosophy is often attempted but rarely fulfilled in its entirety. Add to this the uncertainty of outdoor presentation in an untested space and you have an idea of the hazardous undertaking attempted by the First Folio Shakespeare Festival, making their debut with this production.

Director and co-producer Alison C. Vesely appears also to have had this idea, making for a production with a far lower ratio of unsolved problems than any in recent memory. A veteran of Footsteps Theatre's Classic Projects division, Vesely has delved the content and spirit of the Bard's every word to create a narrative that remains clear and coherent at every moment. (An exception is Loring Rose's Caliban, whose delivery is limited—perhaps by the difficulties of being heard in the unamplified First Folio space—to angry shouting and anguished shouting). In the anchor role of the omnipotent Prospero, David Darlow resists the temptation to barnstorm, instead creating a weary patriarch whose age and wisdom might well invite forgiveness for his former adversaries and a desire for reconciliation.



The Tempest

In response to this characterization, Kathryn Ann Rosen's Ariel jollies her employer with the mischievous affection of a pre-teen toward an indulgent uncle. Ferdinand and Miranda, as played by Charles Picard and Niki Sarich, are likewise recognizable to anyone familiar with adolescent sweethearts today. And Charles J. Likar's vigorous delivery restores Gonzalo's function to that of the *raisonneur* Shakespeare's text proclaims him to be, rather than the Polonius-like dodderer so often invoked by young actors bent on easy invention (which impulse might account for Darryl Kent Clark's choosing to equip the buffoonish Trinculo with mannerisms recalling Flip Wilson at his most abrasive).

Other frequently excised encumbrances are given fresh, new treatments under Vesely's deft guidance. Michael Keefe's original compositions render the potentially disruptive but structurally necessary songs eminently listenable. Designer Ralph Scotese's harpy is suitably monstrous but also humorous, as are the wild dogs that chase the foolish clowns. And the usually soporific wedding-masque ("I must bestow upon this young couple some vanity of mine art," sighs the father of the bride. "It is my promise, and they expect it from me") is kept breezy and gossamer-light, played as it is in the ingenuous manner of a school recital, to thoroughly charming effect. Oh, and did I mention that the show's running time is kept to a comfortable two hours?

The First Folio Festival site on the grounds of Oak Brook's historic Peabody Estate may seem a long journey (take the Eisenhower or the Stevenson, and be sure to wear insect repellent), but this auspicious beginning to what one hopes will become a long career makes the drive well worth the effort.

Physician, Save Thyself

Toyer

Playwright: Gardner McKay
At: TNT Productions and Element Theatre Company at Victory Gardens upstairs studio, 2257 N. Lincoln
Price: $12 **Run:** Through Aug. 17
Phone: (773) 871-3000

By Lawrence Bommer

Toyer, now in a taut local debut, reminds me of a grubby porn tale called "Kiss Me, Kill Me" in which a gay man is asked by the F.B.I. to entrap the bisexual murderer of his brother. Despite his evil ways, the evil hunk manages to turn on his would-be capturer (but only in the sexual sense). In the end, the "bait date" feels a special guilt when the "Silver Fox" is put in handcuffs for non-recreational purposes.

The same erotic ambivalence complicates *Toyer*, a 95-minute, two-person psychological thriller by former T.V. actor Gardner McKay. Deeply indebted to William Mastrosimone's rape revenge story *Extremities*, the plot details a sexual power struggle waged between Maude Christopher, an L.A. psychiatrist, and Peter Matson, a neighbor who declares himself a gay mechanic but who might in fact be a particularly perverse serial rapist.

Theater

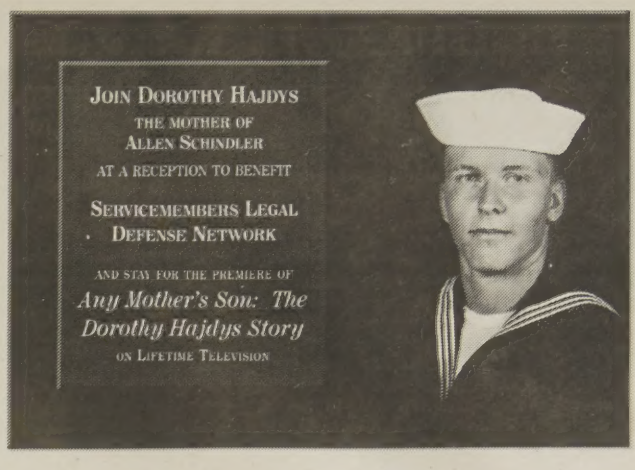
It's near midnight and Maude (Bibi Tinsley) returns to her isolated home in Randall Canyon. She's dog tired from having had to care for the disabled victims of "The Toyer" and angry at her lack of empathy for those sufferers. As the name suggests, this fiend goes beyond being a voyeur to play cat-and-mouse with his victims: He not only drugs his prey with an animal tranquilizer and rapes them, but lobotomizes them, so that after the crime they can do nothing but remember their ordeal. (The modus operandi recalls the rapist in *The World According to Garp* who cuts out his victim's tongue.)

Peter (Tom Daniel) shows up, solicitous to retrieve the flashlight that he artfully left in her purse when he fixed her car. From here on the plot twists, turns and thickens; it seems as if Peter is a voyeur who has been spying on her from next door, an actor trying out an ugly part on an unwitting audience, or the Toyer, bent on acquiring a 12th mute victim.

As always in this genre, the question becomes one of how the imbalance of power will be altered. We watch, helpless, as Maude is too easily reassured by the supple lies Peter throws at her. Her premature gratitude at not being killed spills over into a sexual complicity. In Daniel Taube's staging it's played with all the erotic tension the situation warrants, and then some.

It is, of course, only a calm before the storm: In American plays, good sex never goes unpunished. There's a reckoning—and a revenge. Often, as here, the table-turning depends on blind luck. That means that, however satisfactory the ending, we leave disturbed by how easily it could have gone the other way.

Tinsley plays her sometimes stupid shrink (why can she never lock the door when she has the chance?) with an infuriating intellectualizing that makes us underestimate her resourcefulness. As the chameleon-like Peter, Daniel runs emotional circles around her. What he fails to grasp is that this victim intends to be the last one.



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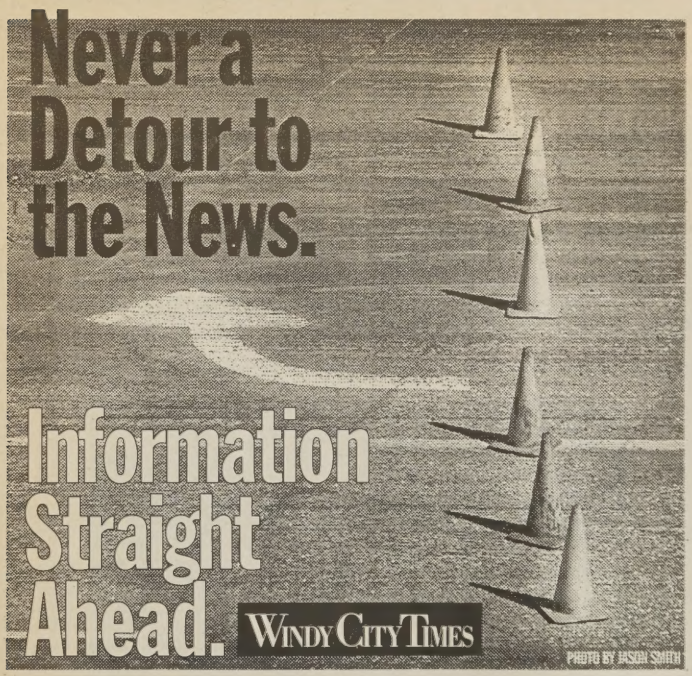

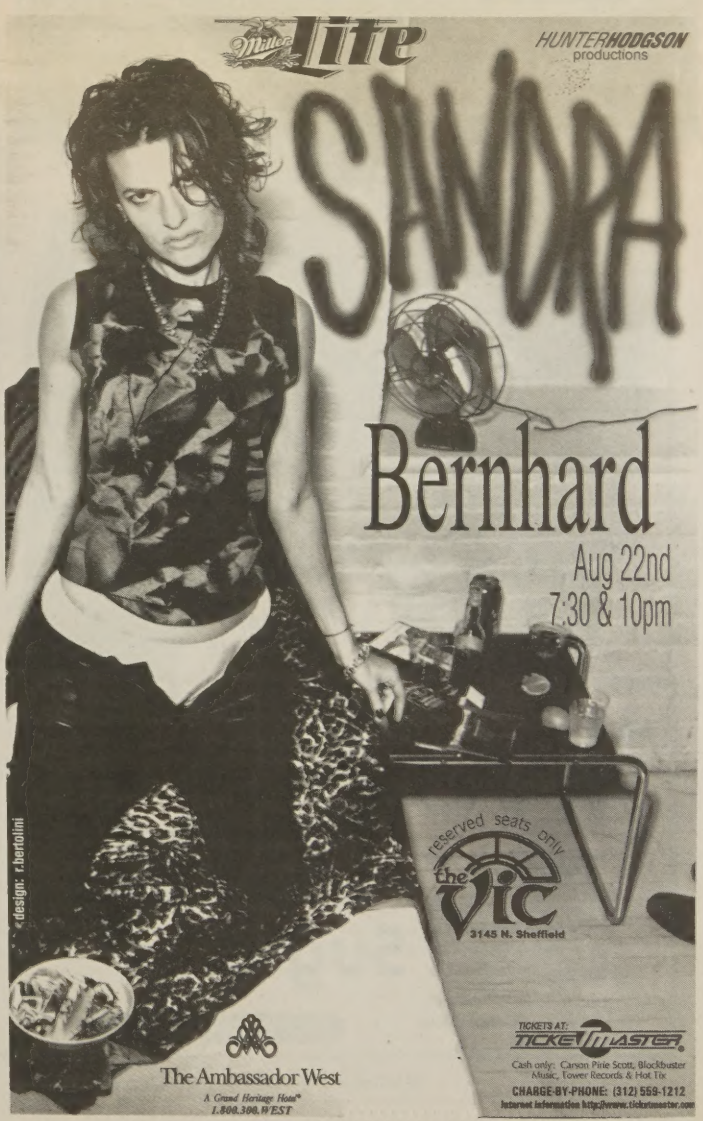

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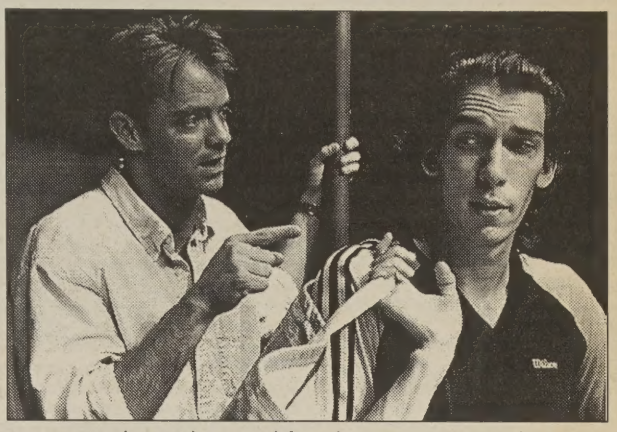

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Stand Up and Salute

Air Force One ★★

Directed By: Wolfgang Petersen
Written By: Andrew W. Marlowe
Starring: Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman, Glenn Close

By Hank Sartin

Barreling onto movie screens with the unofficial imprimatur of a Washington D.C. premiere, *Air Force One* feels rather like a politician's campaign speech: It's full of sloganeering borrowed from earlier work, it hurries past obvious inconsistencies and it's driven by a blatant, jingoistic patriotism. By the end of the film, you don't know whether to applaud or salute.

This shamelessly recycled film doesn't have an original idea to its name. As producer Jon Shestack remarks, "Effects had gotten as big as they possibly can get; body counts had gotten as high as they can go. There really wasn't anything left except to make the action hero be the most powerful man in the world." Faced with that kind of unimaginative filmmaking, the studio has been selling the film on the casting, a marketing move that looks like it's working.

It's hard to decide which piece of casting is most hilariously perfect. Harrison Ford—who seems to be making a career out of tight-lipped, righteous indignation—plays President James Marshall, a decorated Vietnam vet with the *cojones* to talk tough to terrorists. As the movie opens, Marshall delivers a rousing off-the-cuff speech in Moscow, declaring war on all terrorists and "terrorist dictatorships." Driven by conviction rather than the polls, Marshall combines liberal sincerity with tough, conservative militarism and good hair. Now, that's what I call a president.

Air Force One

Harrison Ford starts the film as the overworked, harried exec, husband and father, an all-around good fellow who just wants to relax and watch the football game (Michigan/Notre Dame—how middle-America can you get?). As the film progresses, he increasingly becomes the bold action hero, hiding out below decks on the plane and doing battle with Russian terrorists, the latter played by the usual set of stone-faced slabs of beef that might have come from Central Casting when the studio asked for Russian soldiers. By the end, Marshall's piloting the plane, with MIGs on his tail and engines failing.

Equally perfect, and about as original, is Gary Oldman as General Ivan Korshunov, the terrorist who takes over Air Force One to secure the freedom of his imprisoned leader. Oldman once again does an accent—as if we aren't still reeling from his bucktoothed, Tootsie-meets-Paul Prudhomme turn in *The Fifth Element*. Of course, screenwriter Andrew W. Marlowe gives him egregiously bad dialogue, so perhaps the loopy Russian accent is meant as a diversionary tactic. Much of his dialogue is of the "So you think I am mad? We shall see who is mad when your country is brought to its knees!" variety. Ouch.

Oldman is smart enough to know that if you're going to play this sort of overwritten bad guy, the key is to actually *underplay* the rage most of the time, so that when you finally do explode it's really scary. There are moments in his performance that are almost quiet—though it's hard to tell through the pounding racket of the musical score.

In competition with Ford and Oldman we have Glenn Close as Vice President Kathryn Bennett. Most people seem to have had a single reaction upon seeing her as the VP in the trailer: "Well, naturally, when we get a woman VP, she'll be like Glenn Close." In keeping with the predictability of the script, Bennett is tough but loyal, unwilling to declare the president impaired in judgment and take over as acting president. One wonders whether Al Gore would be so scrupulous.

In fact, the script seems deeply, almost obsessively invested in the idea that the President *must* remain President. It's crucial to the spirit of the film that Harrison Ford is not just a man fighting terrorists: He's the President of the United States, acting for the nation, as he kicks some Russian terrorist ass. When an American fighter pilot salutes him, almost trembling with patriotism, it pretty much sums up the whole movie. Finally, a President who can exercise our frustration at a complex world by killing bad guys who are so obviously *bad*. It's rather like watching an episode of *JAG*.

It can't be denied that Wolfgang Petersen (*Das Boot*, *Outbreak*, *In the Line of Fire*) brings his workmanlike skills to bear. Unlike the bulk of this summer's action films, *Air Force One* at least has the advantage of a good handling of space. With economic efficiency, Petersen familiarizes us with the plane so that we don't spend the movie trying to figure out where everyone is in relation to one another.

However, all that skill is wasted on this hackneyed script. Like every action film of the last five years, it feels bloated. After a fake climax, the script once again throws us an extra action sequence, as though to justify our hefty ticket price. Enough already. By the end, you feel like asking, "Can we just salute the President and go home?"

Cinema

Movie WATCH

Reviewed this week . . .

Gray's Anatomy ★★

Spalding Gray has made a career out of telling stories. His *Swimming to Cambodia*, ably directed for film by Jonathan Demme, was a stage monologue about his experience as an actor in the film *The Killing Fields*, with a Cambodian history lesson thrown in. In his latest piece recorded on film, *Gray's Anatomy*, he tells us about his experiences dealing with an odd eye condition called macular pucker. Unfortunately, he fails to imbue *Gray's Anatomy* with the sense of relevance that made *Swimming to Cambodia* so

riveting. He's certainly a charming talker, but increasingly, his work is devolving into navel-gazing. *Gray's Anatomy* plays at the Music Box Theatre beginning August 1. —*HS*

Black Harvest Film Festival

For the last three years, the Black Harvest Film Festival has brought Chicago a consistently interesting set of films and videos from African and African-American filmmakers. Though I haven't had a chance to preview any of the films featured this year, my experience has been that you are likely to hit something interesting at just about any program. On Saturday you might want to check out *How I Spent My Summer Vacation*, with local director John Fisher in attendance to chat. Or wait until Sunday and see Joe Brewster's *The Keeper*. Both are their directors' first feature films, and the festival should be encouraged to keep supporting new talents. The Black Harvest Film Festival begins Friday, August 1 and continues through Sunday, August 10. Films play at the Film Center of the Art Institute. For program information call (312) 443-3737. —*HS*

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WCT Picks of the Week

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Evita This mega-production of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's *Evita* stars Madonna in the title role. Madonna won a Golden Globe for Best Actress for her role and also sang the Oscar winning song *You Must Love Me*. Available to rent August 5.

▼BOOKS

1. ***Sex Changes: The Politics of Transgenderism*** **by Pat Califia** The undeniable high priestess of debates and radical sex activism now challenges us to consider the potential and possibilities of transgenderism. (Cleis Press, $16.95)
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▼VIDEOS

1. ***Evita*** This mega-production of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's Evita stars Madonna in the title role. Madonna won a Golden Globe for Best Actress for her role and also includes the Oscar winning song *You must Love Me. Available to rent 8/5/97.*
2. ***Booty Call*** A young man's plans for romance are hilariously foiled by his crude best friend, safer-sex obsessed girlfriend, and her voluptuous neighbor. A down and dirty hit that's as outrageous as it is funny. *Available to rent 8/5/97.*
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▼MUSIC

1. **Puff Daddy** ***No Way Out*** Oddly enough, Sting scores his first #1 record in over a decade as Puff Daddy remakes his hit *Every Breath You Take* as a rap tribute to the late Notorious BIG. (BMG)
2. **Men In Black** ***Soundtrack*** Will Smith sings the title track to the summer blockbuster he stars in. Sort of reminds you of Barbra Streisand, doesn't he? (SMD)
3. **Chicago** ***Broadway Cast Recording*** *Chicago*, (the musical) comes to Chicago (the city) as everyone goes crazy for Jasmine Guy, celebrity murder trials, prison matrons and all that jazz! (BMG)
4. **Sarah McLachlan** ***Surfacing*** She's gone from cult favorite to cover girl with her new album and her all-woman Lillith Fair tour, which is fast becoming the summer's hottest ticket. (BMG)
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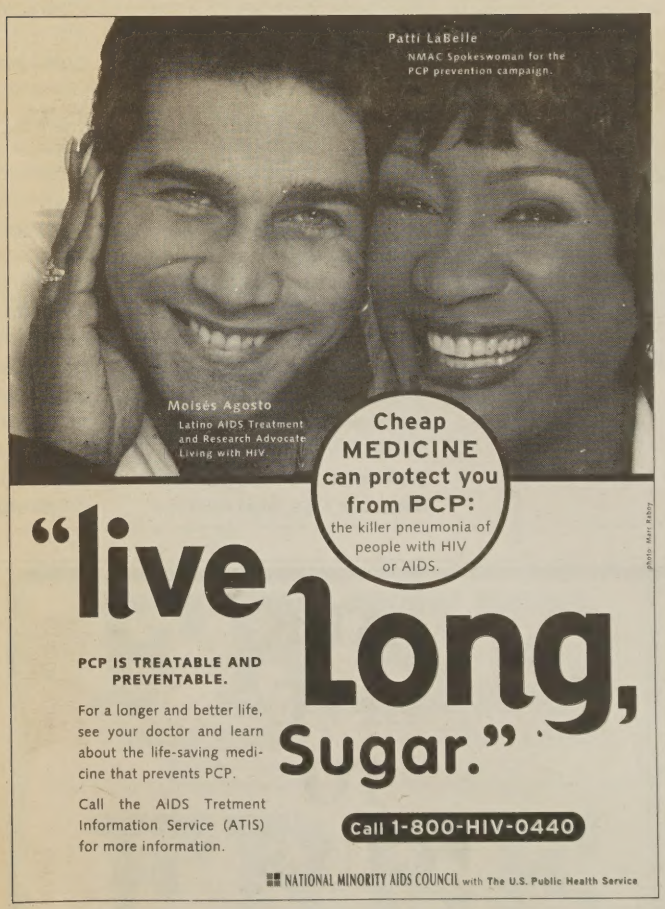
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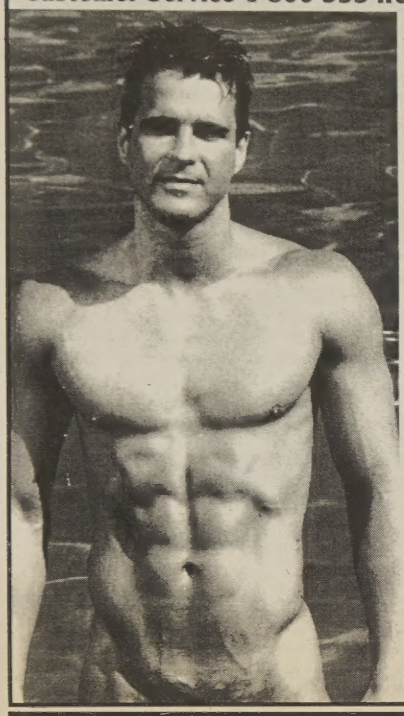

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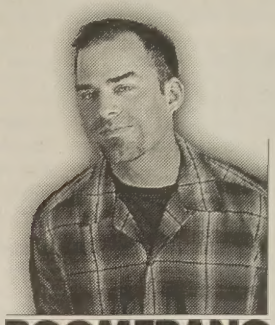

BOOMERANG

By Michael Beaumier

How many different kinds of gay relationships can you name? Are you even aware that there are categories of couples in our wee little subculture? Perhaps you have heard of the most nauseatingly celebrated gay relationship of our times, Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris? Perhaps you heard that it just didn't work out. Young love and steroids—it's a tragedy that rivals Romeo and Juliet.

Bodybuilders have a very hard time with relationships, because it's difficult to be narcissistic with someone else hogging the mirror. If you really want to be part of a successful couple, you have to model yours after one of the classics. Rhoda and Phyllis. Thelma and Louise. How about the Brothers Crane? Don't think for a minute Frazier and Niles aren't doing it after coffee every Tuesday night. Anytime I think about my love interest, I imagine we're like Popeye and Bluto; in reality, our relationship is probably more like Patty and Selma—lots of smoking, but still two-dimensional.

Young lovers, fear not: A successful partnership is yours for the asking, with the help of Chicago's newest gay icon, Brad the Avon Lady. Brad knows the power of positive thinking, clear goals and hypo-allergenic skin moisturizer. He can determine if you're an Autumn, dissuade you from getting blond highlights, find you a man and make sure you keep him. Rates for Brad's services are necessarily high, but like Loréal hair color, you're worth it. Animal magnetism—and all without animal testing!

Doyens of domesticity have Brad the Avon Lady to thank for their soon-to-be-legal-if-I-have-anything-to-say-about-it bliss, and Brad's tastefully appointed apartment on Stratford Place is known far and wide as Yenta Central. Brad doesn't just give hair and makeup tips—his is a full-service operation. He gives classes on posture, diction and elocution; students are required to know all the dialogue from *The Women* and how to mix extra-dry martinis.

Social skills are a must. Brad's charges learn that religion and politics are proper topics of stimulating conversation; Lycra pants, chest-shaving and demands for a pop-up book version of *Heather Has Two Daddies* are not.

But how do you find the relationship that's right for you? Brad the Avon Lady has created a helpful set of examples to guide gay men everywhere—a sort of template for the lovelorn:

Mary Richards and Lou Grant

You have a thing for bald, gruff men and have a severe eating disorder. You can cry on cue to get your way. You insist on keeping your initials on the wall, just in case you forget who you are. Codependency isn't so much a problem as it is a lifestyle choice. Love for you means always having to say you're sorry. Brad the Avon Lady says:

"Avoid circuit parties, shop at Little Jim's and go easy on the mascara!"

Tom and Jerry

Your idea of a good time involves having abuse piled on you by someone who should, by all rights, be your natural enemy. You have the Horizons Anti-Violence Project Hotline on your speed dial. You wonder how Sylvester and Tweety manage to work things out. Brad says: "Liberal use of blush, blended thoroughly, will make those bruises look like stand-out cheek bones!"

Mr. Roarke and Tattoo

You believe there's no point in going out if you and your paramour don't dress alike. Not wearing white after labor day is for sissies. No matter how annoying the sound of his voice is, you smile—everyone, smile! You think Latin men are sexy, or that short men are convenient for getting at those low, hard-to-reach places. The word from Stratford Place: "Maybe Mary Kay can help you; this is just too weird for me."

Seigfried and Roy

You and your cat get your hair colored by the same beautician. You believe that Liberace could've been a big star, if only he had been a little more showy and colorful. While the idea of actually having sex is akin to Mickey Rourke actually taking a shower, you wouldn't mind having someone around, if only to clean the litter box. Says Brad the Avon Lady: "Too much plastic surgery can make skin look unnaturally tight and shiny. Use more eyeliner, and try accessorizing with a tiara."

TWO FOR THE ROAD: If you want a successful relationship, follow one of the classic models.

Whadda Week!

JUST A HINT OF SLAVERY

OK, maybe it's not exactly slavery, but these tales of deaf-mute Mexicans being quartered on Belmont Avenue and forced to sell American flag stickers, key chains and other stuff on the subway sure are plenty weird. Who knew they were organized? This being Chicago, former forced laborers have now formed a union and are looking for an alderman to pay off. Also, they're on strike until stiff tariffs are imposed on the deaf-mute Japanese.

SWISS CHEESE

They seemed so nice, so plain-spoken, so very—what's the word?—neutral. Now it's beginning to look like Switzerland ought to have been turned into a massive parking lot for the rest of Europe after World War II. It's not been a very good year for the Swiss—and a recent, empty gesture at finding Holocaust survivors turned into a PR nightmare: The Swiss list only proved that banks helped the Nazis conceal their plundered wealth. It's time to toss out your army knife and expensive watch in protest.

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WILD PLANETS

By Dave Awl

With Saturn—the celestial lord of discipline—about to crack his cosmic whip, I don't feel like wasting any time on idle chit-chat. After all, Saturn is the archetypal father figure, and if he feels you're not applying yourself to the task at hand, he's more than ready to dispense a little, um, *affectionate correction*. Since I got all the loving guidance I need the last time I was a Very Bad Boy, I'm taking us right into the Big Picture . . .

This Week's Big Picture (August 1-7)

Planet of The Week is Saturn, which turns retrograde on August 1. During retrograde periods, a planet's energies are directed inward. So when Saturn—the planet that's always urging you to get organized—turns retrograde, the focus is on "inner organization." Or, in a word, discipline.

You may receive (or maybe you already have received) some powerful signals about where you could use a little more discipline in your life. If so, recognize it, and for the next few months, work on it. When Saturn turns direct on December 16, chances are that either your hard work will begin to pay off or your lack of it will become unpleasantly apparent. (It doesn't have to be all one or the other, of course; most of our efforts in life are a mixture of success and failure. Saturn's next station will simply show you where you stand.)

But it isn't *all* work this week. August 3 marks this month's New Moon (or Sun-Moon conjunction), in Leo—the sign of self-expression and happiness. Since New Moons are about beginnings, this is a great time to begin creative projects or plan recreational events, celebrations and other expressions of Leonine *joie de vivre*.

ARIES

You've got lofty goals, but drive and energy alone won't get you there; you also need practical thinking, self-restraint, diplomacy and the ability to stick to The Plan. And, if at all possible, remember how to have *fun* with what you do.

TAURUS

This is a good time to focus on financial security (matters involving insurance, investment, credit, etc.), domestic improvements and family members who maybe could use your support. Emphasize optimism and forward thinking.

GEMINI

There's a middle ground between compromising your individuality to gain social acceptance and alienating others through a refusal to be flexible. If you're having trouble finding it, now's the time to study the problem.

CANCER

If you're unsatisfied with your career progress, the next few months are a good time to re-examine your goals with an eye toward determining if they're still what you want. Work on refining practical strategies to move forward.

LEO

Feeling intellectually or culturally stagnant? If so, the next few months are a good time to chart a new course for self-development. Make travel plans, investigate educational options, pick a language to study or plan your own reading program.

VIRGO

Taking some time to feel spiritual, contemplating your inner world or just clearing your head with a little solitude is paramount this month. But don't completely isolate yourself; sharing your feelings with trusted confidants is recommended, too.

LIBRA

This week you may get a glimpse of what could be improved in your partnerships (romantic, creative or business). Questions for study: Do you have enough say? Is it possible you have too much? If so, strive to even things out.

SCORPIO

This is a good time for beginning new work and career-related projects. For the next few months, emphasize the detail-oriented, efficient, organized approach. If you stay on the rails, the rewards can be considerable.

SAGITTARIUS

This week you may find yourself feeling uncomfortable with the way you express yourself or the way you work creatively. It's possible that your vocabulary of self-expression needs to be brought more in line with the way you'd like to come across.

CAPRICORN

It's time to declare war on insecurity. Pay attention to the ways you may be undercutting your own self-confidence, closing yourself off or denying yourself stability from fear of commitment. Don't be afraid to pursue what you want in a practical way.

AQUARIUS

New collaborative projects and other partnerships are a great place to put your energies now. For the next few months, explore new ways of communicating with others. You can get better at listening to what others are—and aren't—saying.

PISCES

Your material and financial goals will be easier to reach if you refine your strategies and organize your efforts more practically. Any setbacks or insecurities you experience at present are clues that can reveal what needs adjustment.

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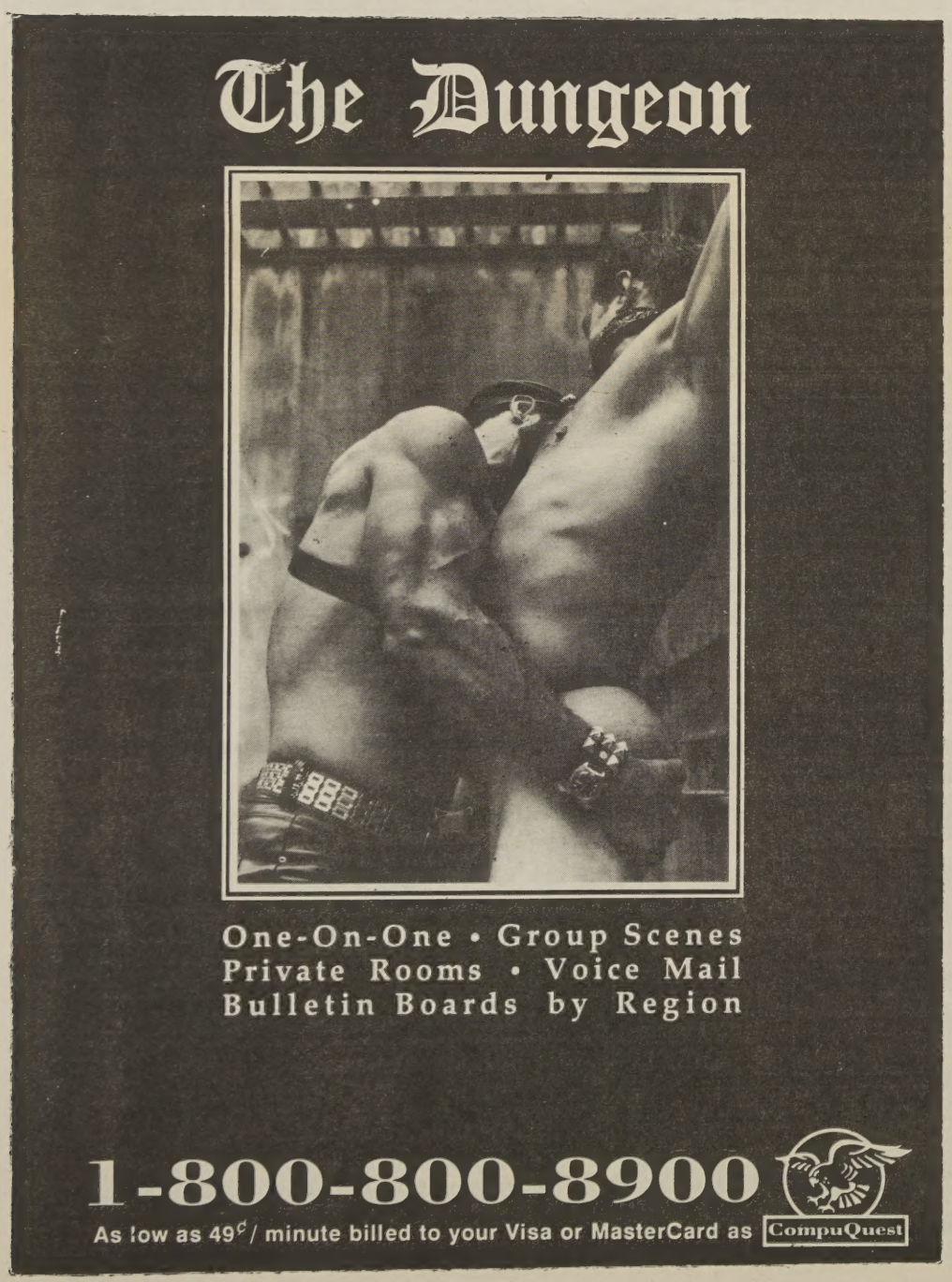
HOW TO USE THIS COLUMN

First, keep in mind that you are not a Scorpio or a Taurus or a Gemini. You are an individual, and your birthchart contains a specific combination of *all 12 signs of the zodiac*, plus other symbolism that reflects that individuality.

So while Sun signs are important, they're only part of the picture. For a more balanced perspective, you should also read the entries for your Moon sign and rising sign, too. If you don't know yours, contact a good local astrologer and she or he will knock it right out for you.

Finally, it's important to remember that while astrology is a great tool for sparking your intuition and expressing what's going on, it's no substitute for using your head and your heart. The stars and planets don't control us. They merely express certain patterns in the universe that also find expression in our lives, the way a thermometer indicates the temperature on a hot day.

How you respond to those conditions is up to you. Nobody's future is predetermined; the steering wheel is in your hands. Please drive carefully—and enjoy the ride.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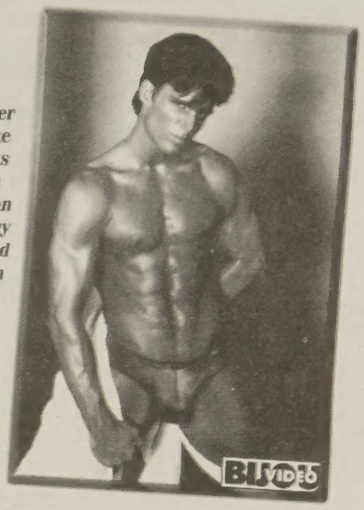
TWO HANDFULS

Nominated for the 1986 "Best Gay Video," this John Summers blockbuster will be of special interest to ass men thanks to the shapely buttocks and gaping assholes that fill the screen! Brian Maxon's girlfriend won't put out so he beats his cock and later forces his cock down the pool boy's throat while verbalizing constantly. In a movie theater, Michael Henson and a blond buddy fuck naked over the seats. In a peep show arcade, Mike Gere gets turned on by the flicks and lets a hunky cowboy ride his hole hard! Ends with an underwear-ed fuckfest orgy where a lot of ass play and dildoing occur, and Maxon and Henson in a coupling where Michael eats ass and plows asshole. Narrated and based on real-life sexual experiences as published in "First Hand" magazine.



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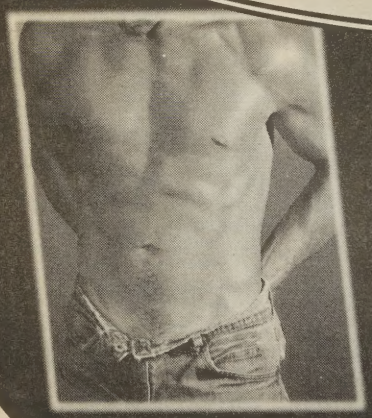

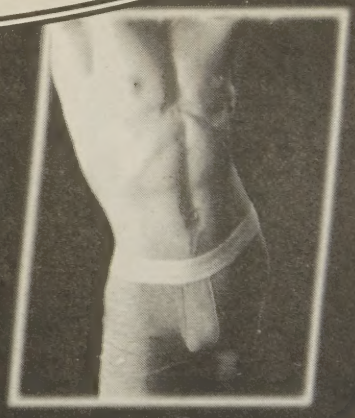

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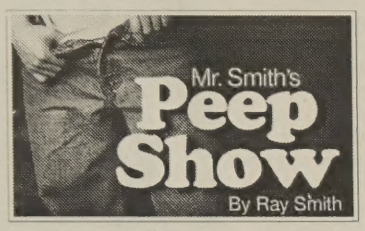
How to be a Porn Reviewer

People often come up to me and say, "Ray, you're fabulously well-dressed and one of the most popular lads in town—but how, exactly, do you distinguish a good porno flick from a bad one?" Well, the answer is quite easy: Good porn makes you glad and proud to be a gay man, and bad porn makes you wonder if civil rights legislation is really such a smart idea after all.



Whenever I get a real leather flick with real leather men doing real leather stuff, I'm appreciative, even though I look ridiculous in bondage and probably couldn't stop talking long enough to have a gag put in my mouth. Whenever I notice an actor daring enough to play a scene wearing underwear that's not made by Calvin Klein, I can only applaud his choice as a Method-trained thespian. And no matter how good or bad the porn that I'm reviewing, I always remember that watching it has saved me a great deal of time and effort: I'm completely and totally jaded, and I've never even left the couch.

Of course, nobody said this job was easy, especially with stuff like *Black Gomorrah* (no stars), *Bi Brotbas and Sistas* (no stars) and *Rooftop Rendezvous* (no stars)—a trilogy of incredibly crappy blaxploitation videos from Bacchus Releasing that are losers no matter how you look at them. Each one is badly lit, with lousy camera work and ugly models, and while all three of these flicks are mercifully short, the brief running time is not so much a blessing as a swindle.

If you want an eyeful of men who will work hard for your money, I can only say run fast to Nationwide or RJ's and grab yourself a copy of *Breakin' Em In Part 2* (★★★★) from Marcostudio of Brazil. Eight men, nine scenes, everyone is beefy and handsome and hot, and no one speaks English—it's my idea of heaven, except with construction workers instead of angels.

A good critic never shirks a tough job, and that includes leather videos. There are porn reviewers out there who don't seem to review the hard-core stuff—I won't name names—and that's too bad, because videos like *Slave Trade* (★★★) from Close-Up Productions are just too good to miss. It's about kidnapping, sexual abuse and slavery. Do you think white slave rings have outlet malls? I mean, all the men in this video are hot, but what about those so-so guys out there? Are they discounted? Are there two-for-one sales?

Real leather can also be found in Projex Video's *Sex Club Initiation* (★★), which only really perks up at the end, when Matt Bradshaw torments poor little Ryan Wagner with clothespins and attitude. Up until then, it's a lot of glory holes and voyeurism, which you can find in abundance in *The Wall 3* (★) from our very good pal Johnny Rey. It's nothing but mind-numbing, nonstop glory hole sex, and by the time I was done with it I wondered if this is what it feels like to work at the Ram.

Being a porn critic requires stamina and plenty of fluids. Watching Richard Douglas' *Tank Tops* (★) required earplugs—maybe harmonic music wasn't the best choice for a soundtrack. Enduring *Forest Rump* (no stars) from Hollywood Video required heavy doses of prescription medication; the title alone gave me a facial tick that took hours to subside. And reviewing *Bear It All* (★★) from All Worlds Video required patience—I had to wade through a lot of men until I got to the scene starring my new spiritual love-mate, the delectable Anthony Gallo. Mr. Gallo, I have but two words for you: Oh, Daddy!

The job of porn critic requires a little bit of worldliness, too—especially when reviewing videos like *Red Brigade* (★★★) from Euroman Video. It's about Russians, and while I couldn't tell you what the plot is about, I can only say these guys speak

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my language. Ignore *Casting Couch* (no stars)—it's from France, and everyone in it insists on speaking French. From what I can gather, the plot centers on a French photographer having sex with what seems an endless parade of men, and let me tell you, a little of this sort of thing goes a long way. You might want to check out Euroman's *Break* (★★)—I think it's more of the French, but this time they're in uniform and therefore bearable.

Yes, it a tough job, but sometimes it's all worthwhile, especially with videos like *Four Men* (★★★★) from All Worlds Video and director Mike Donner. This is a great video. It somehow combines attitudes, roles, emotions, colors and sex to say something really amazing and definitive about gay life in the '90s. And here's something you don't expect in a gay porn video: a script so well-written it sounds like poetry. See it.

And while you're at it, check out Chi Chi LaRue's latest, *Backseat BJ* (★★★), which is about the American male's love of oral sex and cars. I loved it because it's elegant and hot and all that, but mostly because I have now finally seen a video where K.C. Hart seems sexy. I didn't think it was possible.

So being a porn critic can be a pretty good gig after all. Hell, it's still better than working retail or having to be a staff writer for the *Chicago Tribune*. At least my work isn't slanted, yellow journalism; no one could mistake it for anything but a delightful shade of lavender. Besides, you get to watch people have sex—and you can turn them off when they're done.

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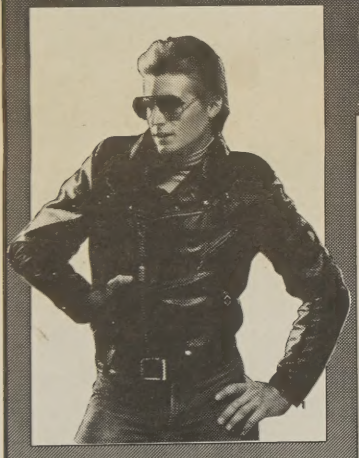

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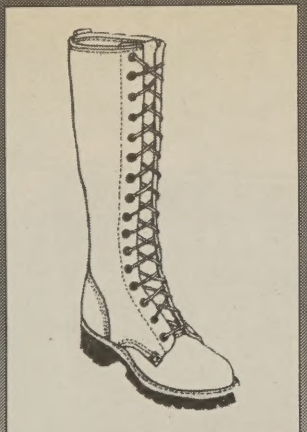

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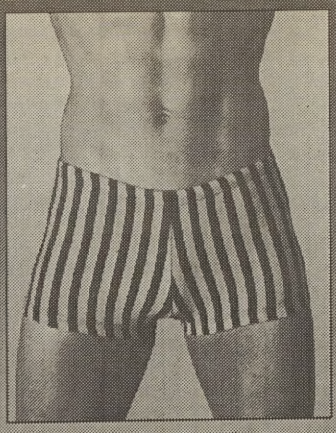

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REAL ROMANCE I seek a serious, long term relationship with someone who possesses the qualities of maturity, honesty, and personality. I'm an attractive, White male, 5'7, 140lbs, with long Blond hair, and Blue eyes. I'm into exercise, music, running, movies, dining out, and quiet times together. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. (Chicago) ¤3959

BLUE COLLAR BUDDY Athletic, blue collar worker, 40, 5'6, 125lbs, seeks sexual fun with a Colt-type, muscular, top man, into leather. I like it intense and physical. All ages and races encouraged to call. No S&M or commitments. (Chicago) ¤4412

AERODYNAMICALLY DESIGNED Masculine, 26 year old, African American male, 6'3, 210lbs, with a shaved head and smooth body, seeks attractive guys, 30 to 42, over 6ft tall. I like biking and quiet times at home. (Chicago) ¤4225

HAIRY SITUATION This fun loving, White male, 5'11, 148lbs, needs a well built, hairy man to satisfy me. (Chicago) ¤4268

ACE DOWN THE MIDDLE Good looking, down to earth, masculine, recently Single, Black male, 29, 6'1, 175lbs, with a nice body, seeks Italian, Latin, or White males, 30 to 42, with similar attributes, for good times. I love playing sports, especially tennis. (Chicago) ¤4070

YOUTHFUL SPIRIT Attractive, well built, Single, professional, Gay, Black male, a youthful 49, seeks a sincere, kind, masculine, Hispanic, or Black, male for a special friendship. I'm 6ft, 180lbs, with a healthy, energetic spirit. I enjoy the outdoors, biking, walking, running, good company, eating out, and conversation. (Chicago) ¤4042

SHAVED HEAD AND FULL LIPS Very attractive, personable, 22 year old, mixed race male (half Black, half Filipino), 6ft, 155lbs, with a slim, muscular build, shaved head, Hazel eyes, goatee, full lips, and Caramel complexion, seeks a relationship oriented guy who, like me, lives a healthy life. I prefer walking my dog around the lake to hanging out at the clubs. I'm articulate, affectionate, and intelligent. (Chicago) ¤3983

GET INTO MY TRUNKS You'll definitely be won over by this hot, 22 year old, college student, and former swimmer. I'm awesomely built, with equipment to match. (Chicago) ¤3912

IS YOUR DIAPER FULL? Very good looking, clean shaven, muscular, White male, 6ft, 195lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, seeks an innocent looking, White male, over 18, who wants to be treated like a baby. You wanna go out with me wearing a diaper under my clothes and imagine daddy changing it when we get back home? (Chicago) ¤3991

IDEA MAN I'm a discreet, nicely built, 38 year old, professional, White male. I want to have some clean, safe fun with other men in the area. I'm 5'11, 170lbs. Got any ideas? (Chicago Suburbs) ¤31063

LOOKING FOR ACTION I like to participate in a variety of activities and want you to share them with me. I'm a good looking, Gay, White male, 6'2, 140lbs, with Blond hair and Brown eyes. I like swimming, being outdoors, skiing, going out to eat, taking vacations, and spending time at home. I want to meet Gay, White males between 27 and 40. I'll answer all calls and I can travel to you. (Chicago Suburbs) ¤30321

MOTLEY CREW MAN I want to meet other Gay men into heavy metal music. I like bands like Poison and Metallica. I'm a 25 year old, White male most interested in other guys between 18 and 27. Any race is fine. I just want to make friends I can share my love of music with. Phone friends are fine. (Chicago Suburbs) ¤28825

YOU KNOW WHAT I WANNA DO I'm interested in talking and doing you know what with other males in the area. I'm a 26 year old, White male, 5'11, 180lbs, with light Brown hair, and dark Brown eyes. Let's meet and see what happens. (Chicago Suburbs) ¤9225

SHINE THE BATPOLE This hot, healthy, dominant, Gay, White male, top, 34, 6ft, 170lbs, needs a totally submissive, White male, bottom to act out my fantasy with. I'm Batman and you're Robin. I want you to polish the batpole in the batcave, then assist me in interrogating the Riddler for his evil crimes. (Cicero) ¤10435

WILLING TO EXPLORE Novice, White male, 44, 5'10, 186lbs, seeks top men and daddies. I'm willing to explore with the right individual. (DeKalb) ¤4008

PETITE AND DISCREET? I'm looking for young, slim, clean shaven, males for friendship and good times. I'm an attractive, White male, 5'9, 180lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I'm very discreet and you must be too. (Lake County) ¤31385

MARRIED ON A MISSION Horny, Bi, White, Married male, 35, 5'10, 175lbs, with Brown hair and eyes seeks other Married men for discreet fun. (Pontiac) ¤3837

I'M DEEPLY TOUCHED I want to meet guys interested in the art of massage. I've always been fascinated with having my body massaged and want to learn how to give that good feeling to other men. I like the idea of male bonding in this way. I'm also interested in light wrestling. Call my box for more details. (Prospect Heights) ¤13396

TRIPLE HEADER For a long time, I've had a fantasy of being in a threesome and I can't wait to find out how it feels to triple my fun. I'm a slender, wiry, White male, 42, 5'10, 140lbs, with dark Brown hair, and a hairy body. You should be attractive, fun loving, spirited, and want to explore the possibilities of intimacy with two other people. (Prospect Heights) ¤29238

Indiana

RACE CARS AND ROMANCE Fun loving, easy going, White male, 6'2, 235lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks friends to do fun stuff, and hang out, with. I like sports, race cars, going to the mall, and relaxing with my buddies. Sometimes, I enjoy going to the bar. (Culver) ¤4135

VITAL LINK Friendly, Gay, professional male, 43, 5'5, 150lbs, seeks a special friend, 21 to 45, who's under 5'8, and has a smooth body, for companionship and fun. I like music, watching videos, dining out, and quiet times at home. (Gary) ¤3413

MALE CALL I'm looking for a male friend who could possibly become my lover. This attractive, White male, in my 40's, 5'11, 175lbs, is interested in a Gay, White, Hispanic, or Asian male, 25 to 49, who's romantic, masculine, healthy, financially secure, and free of smoke and alcohol. (Gary) ¤3734

GREAT FOR SUCKING I'm a good looking, 21 year old, college student, new to this scene. I'd like to meet a guy, 21 or older, to show me the ropes. I'm 5'10, with full lips, great for sucking things, and a bubble butt. I enjoy movies, concerts, music, and I'm a smoker. (Gary) ¤3815

DID YOU SEE AMANDA'S OUTFIT? Music loving, 18 year old, White male, with a toned body seeks other young men, 18 to 22, in good shape, and of any race, for friendship or more. My favorite artists are Madonna and Tracey Lords. I'm also a Melrose Place fanatic. If you're sociable, fun loving, and enjoy dancing at the clubs, let's hook up. (Whiting) ¤4226

Wisconsin

CHISELED MUSCLE STUD I'm a 5'6, 135lb, natural bodybuilder and swimmer, and I love to show off my defined, muscular body. Let me flex it. Go ahead, feel me, I like it. Ooh, I know what you're feeling, the huge bulge in my jock strap. It's as well built as the rest of me and loves to be licked. If you're another well built dude with a barbelled body, it's all yours. Let's show off for each other. (Madison) ¤2120

READY FOR ACTION Gay, White male seeks hot, young, Gay friend for good times. Let's talk about it. That's half of the fun. (Madison) ¤4166

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COMIC RELIEF Feminine, Single, Gay, Black female, 39, 5'4, with height and weight proportional, seeks a soft butch womyn, with a sense of humor, who enjoys eating in and out, movies, theater, art, sports, comedy clubs, and more. (Chicago) ¤4033

THEATRICAL PIECE I'm looking for friendship, and maybe a long term relationship, with a womyn who knows what she wants. I'm an attractive, Gay, White female, 5'5, 130lbs, with Dark Brown hair, Green eyes, and interests in the outdoors, the theater, clubs, dancing, and fun, in general. (Chicago) ¤3386

I'D LOVE SOME COMPANY If you're a feminine, Bi, female, like me, I'd like to meet, and get to know, you. I'm an attractive, Black womyn, 5'3, with Brown hair and eyes, and a medium build. (Chicago) ¤2793

BULLSEYE I'm approaching 30 and feel that it's time to meet that special someone. This good looking, 29 year old, White female enjoys darts, softball, music, dancing, nights on the town, dinners, and quiet times. (Chicago) ¤2439

A WOMYN AND HER DOG I love to go out dancing and to see movies but, mostly, I like for my partner and I to hang out at home, in our sweats, and watch videos with pizza, popcorn and a bottle of wine. I'm an attractive, 33 year old, Hispanic female seeking another womyn, 21 to 30, who's a homebody, and loves animals. (Chicago) ¤2157

INTERESTS AND OUTINGS Do you like to read, listen to music, engage in stimulating conversation, and go on fun outings? I do. I'm a Black female, in my mid 20's, seeking friends with whom to do these things and more. (Chicago) ¤11086

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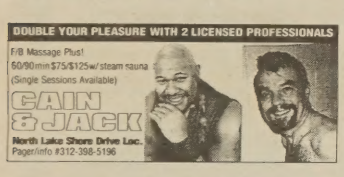
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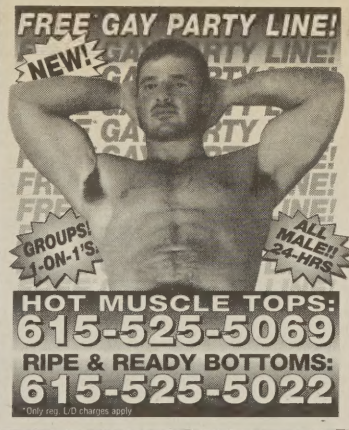

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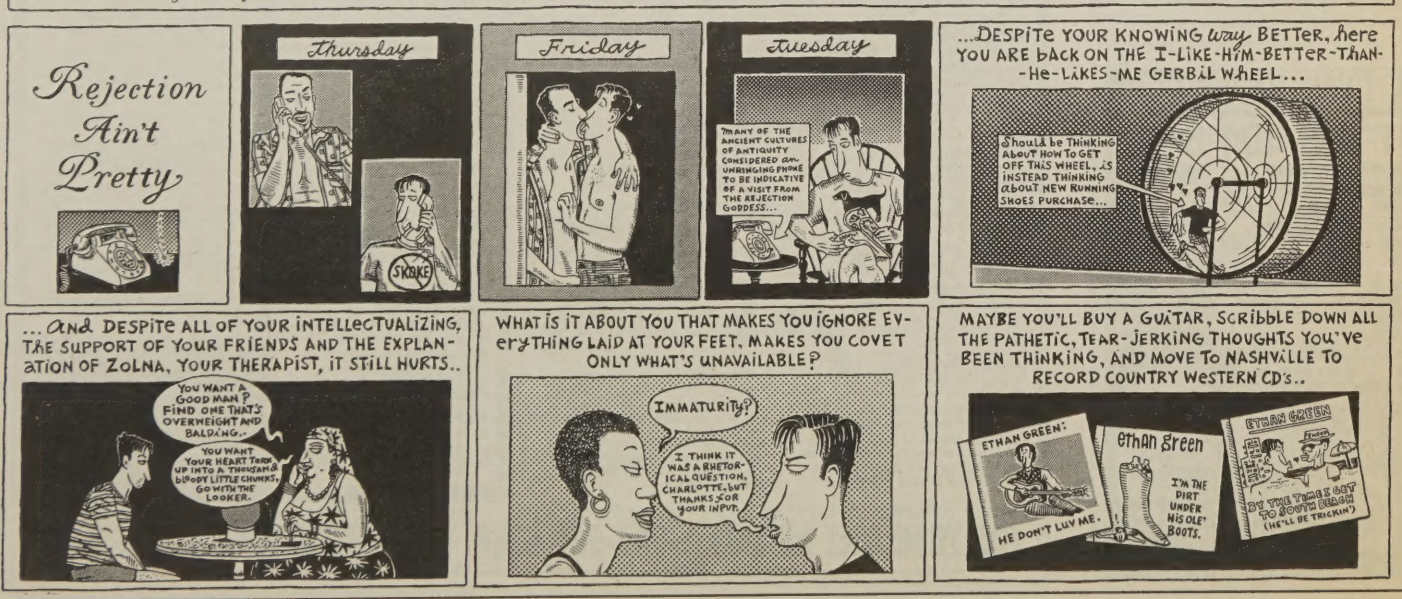
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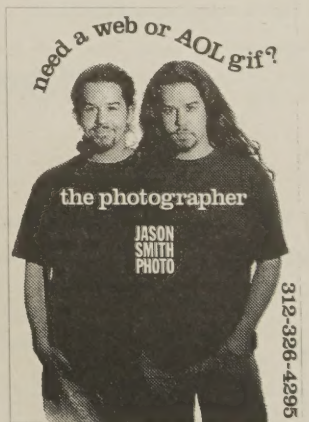

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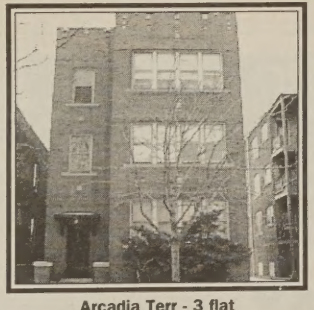

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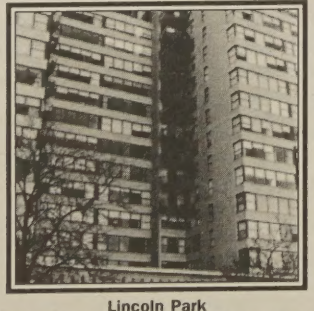

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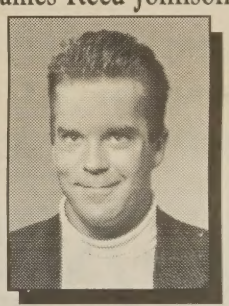

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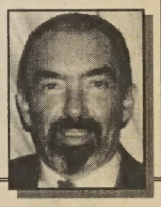

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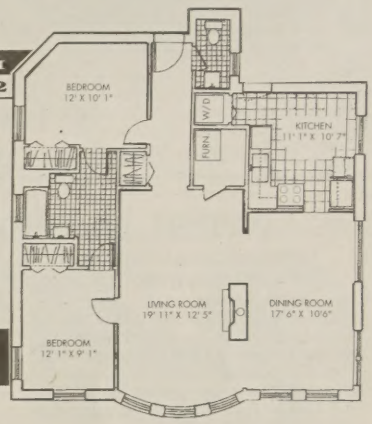

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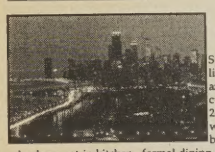

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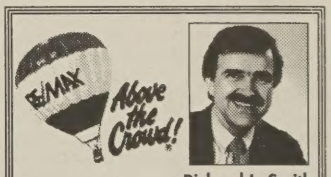

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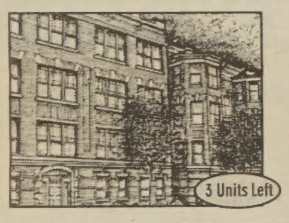

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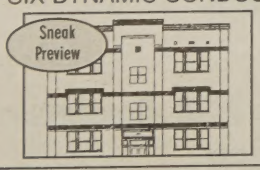

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Before proceeding, we need to get a few reservations off our chest. Friends know Money Matters will rant against state lotteries at the drop of a hat. To wit: Lotteries amount to little more than a tax on stupid people imposed by gutless politicians who have failed to make the tough decisions we elected them to make. Where government ought to appeal to the best in people, lotteries appeal to the worst. They do real psychological damage to those who find gambling an addiction, and *yadda, yadda, yadda.*

We also bemoan the insidious encroachment of casino gambling into America's heartland. We can think of no good reason why Chicagoans require so many wagering palaces within a couple of hours' drive of the Loop. And we especially resent that billboard near Midway airport that portrays an ethnic, grandmotherly woman (she looks Polish or Ukrainian) with a big smile and several buckets full of quarters she apparently won playing slots. Closer to the truth would be a billboard with the same woman in tears at the loss of her Social Security check.

Now, don't they say that one sign of a sophisticated mind is the ability to entertain two diametrically opposed opinions? Call us inconsistent (and we are), but Money Matters likes the idea of Las Vegas and all that tackiness. We're glad such a place exists, and what's more, we're glad you can gamble there. Maybe the difference in our mind is that you have to make a real effort to get there, and once there, you can get away. It's not as if there's a Las Vegas in every liquor store and 7-Eleven, like there are lottery tickets.

But to get back to the subject at hand, Dr. Olaf makes some very good initial points on the subject of gambling. All of us would do well to heed them if we're headed to Nevada with a little loose change in our pockets.

First, set a limit on losses, and stick to it. "Remember, gambling is only fun if you don't *have* to win," writes the good doctor.

Second, don't drink and gamble, no matter how many freebie cocktails they offer you. The one exception to this rule is if you've become adept at counting cards in blackjack. Ordering a drink, even if you haven't taken a sip from one already served, is a good way to maintain the ruse that you're just a tourist rather than a card shark with a steel-trap memory.

Third, avail yourself of the many books on the market about winning at blackjack, which is the only casino game where the house is consistently beatable. Don't think the house doesn't know this, though. If the pit crew thinks you are counting face cards as they go by and making bets when the odds are in your favor, they can take several steps. These include introducing more decks into the game, shuffling the decks in use sooner than normal, or even barring you from the casino's tables.

In the event of the latter, Dr. Olaf suggests taking it as a compliment and not making a scene. You don't want casino employees to remember you if you should choose to come back.

For the fun of it, you might also try some of the other games, like craps or roulette, but make sure you study up on the best playing strategies for each before approaching the floor. Ultimately, you will lose playing these games over time, so your objective should be to minimize your losses.

Beyond counting cards in blackjack, there is no way whatsoever to beat the house on a continuing basis. The metaphorical deck is indeed stacked against you. Remember also that there's no such thing as a "streak" of luck, since every roll of the dice, spin of the wheel or hand dealt is an individual statistical event that is unrelated to what came before or comes after. Such systems as doubling your bet each time until you win are also a lot of hooey and not supported by the science of statistics.

Finally, we address the subject of slot machines. Money Matters has always failed to understand the allure of slots, since, to our mind, the element of chance is less evident here than in other casino games. We have a machine purchased by the house into which we insert coins and hope for a payoff. What's to stop the casino from manipulating the machine to alter the payoff?

Payoffs are, in fact, pre-determined by the casino; however, Dr. Olaf assures us, results leading to that payout are based on random number algorithms programmed into the machine. These algorithms make each pull of the lever an individual statistical event.

The upshot is that some machines are indeed "hotter" than others, meaning they have higher payoffs programmed into them. The trick is to find a hot machine, but that's much more difficult these days, since casinos have stopped placing their better payers at entrances to create a frenzied air of excitement. Hot machines now seem to be interspersed on slot floors at random, so finding one is increasingly a matter of luck.

In conclusion, Money Matters thinks the best luck of all is to be born without a taste for gambling. If our readers must partake of this particular vice, we hope they at least do it while illuminated by the facts contained in books like Dr. Vancura's. Perhaps then they won't find themselves separated from their money quite so quickly.

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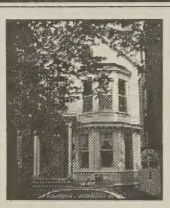

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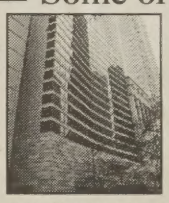

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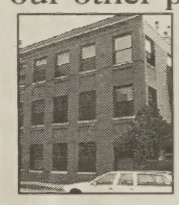

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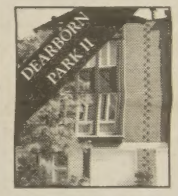

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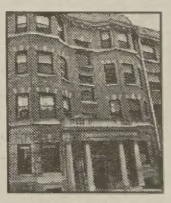

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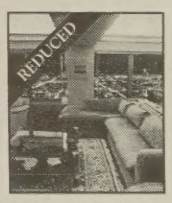

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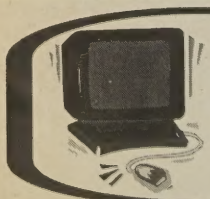

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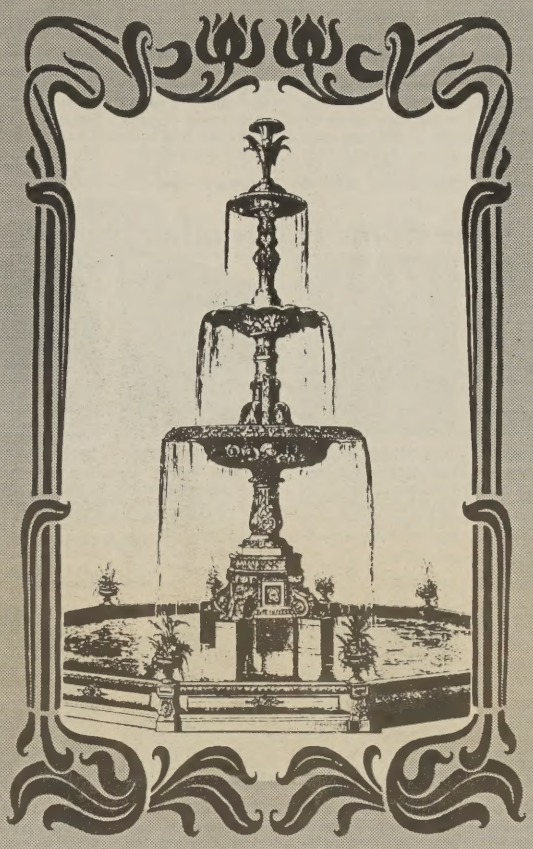

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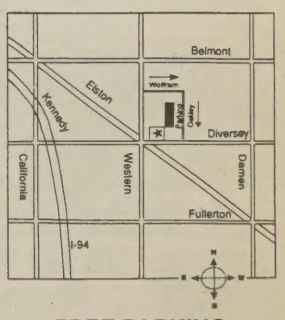

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